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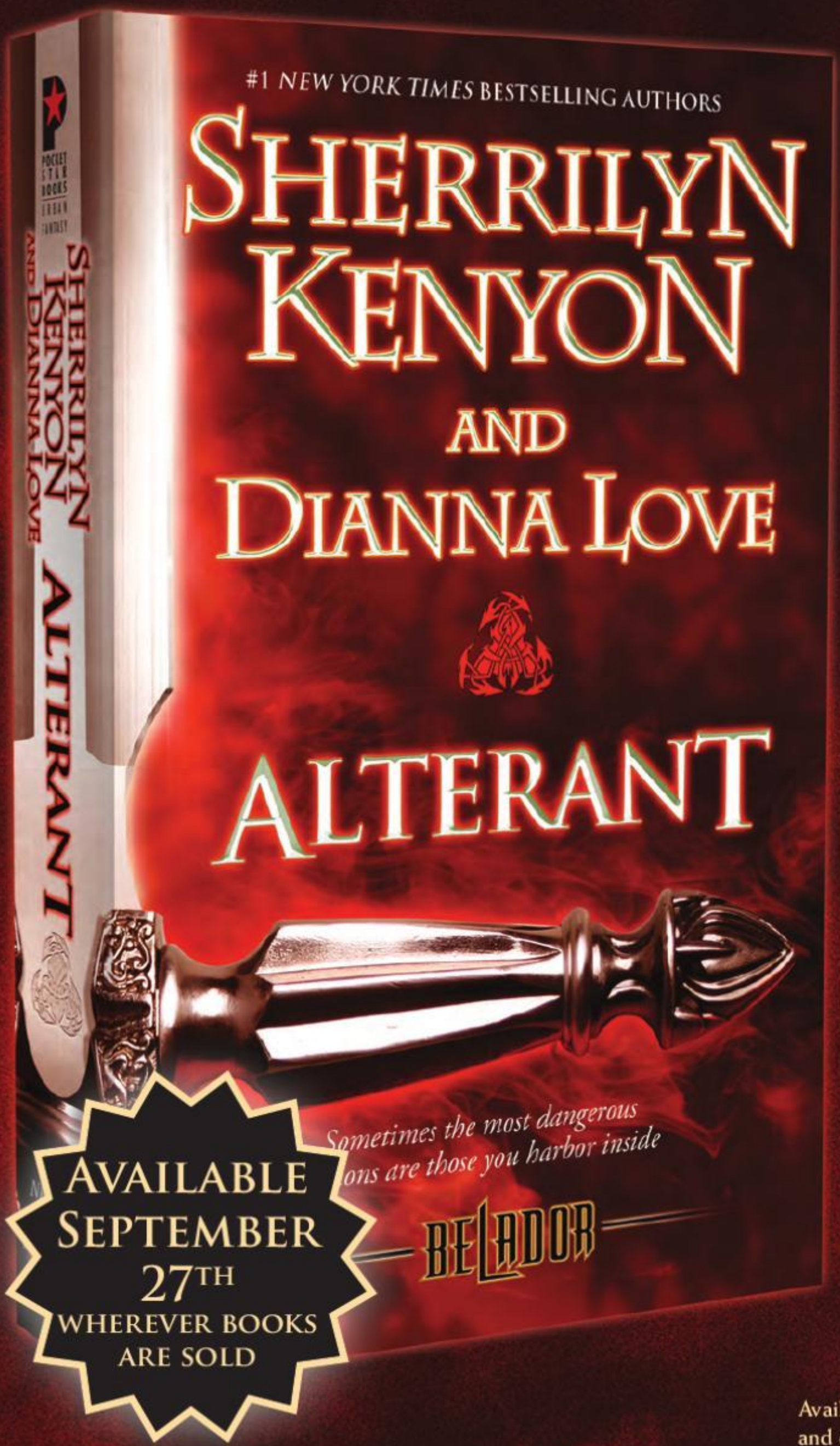

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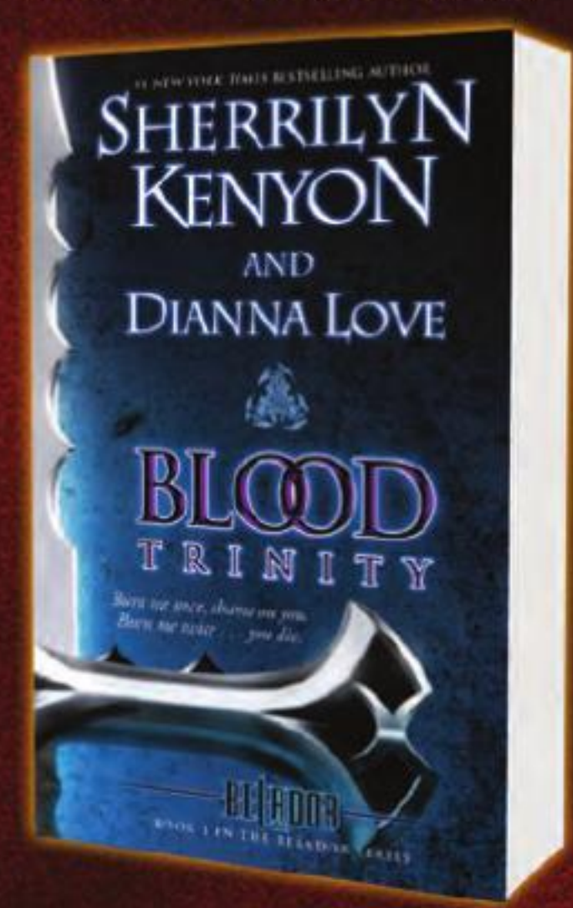

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Future Dragon*Con dates are now confirmed on Labor Day weekend through 2015:

- ✠ August 31–September 3, 2012
- ✠ August 30–September 2, 2013
- ✠ August 29–September 1, 2014
- ✠ September 4–September 7, 2015

The Hyatt Regency Atlanta, Atlanta Marriott Marquis, Atlanta Hilton Towers, Atlanta Sheraton, and Westin Peachtree hotels will co-host our next grand event. Please join us next (and every) year for North America's premier annual event for those who dare to dream!

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General Information

2011 Special Convention Ribbons

During the course of the convention, you are likely to see various individuals running around with different colored ribbons hanging from beneath their badge. Just for clarification, we thought we'd let you know what they all mean.

Red, White, and Blue Ribbon .....Guest of Honor
Royal & Gold Ribbon.....Guest
Hot Orange Ribbon .....Professional
Hot Orange Ribbon .....Program Participants
Black Ribbon.....Senior Director
Navy Ribbon.....Office Staff
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Charity Auction

In 2010, Dragon*Con raised over $40,000 for the Lupus Foundation of America. This year, we are proud to announce The National Inclusion Project (*inclusionproject.org*) as our official charity!

> ***The National Inclusion Project** serves to bridge the gap that exists between young people with disabilities and the world around them. The National Inclusion Project partners with communities and inclusive programs creating awareness about the possibilities that inclusion can bring. Inclusion is giving people their rightful opportunity to participate. The National Inclusion Project works every day to make full inclusion a reality. Since their inception, they have made a real impact by ensuring that children nationwide can experience all that life has to offer.*

Selected items may be previewed, as they are available, at the Charity Events booth, located in the Marquis Registration Booth at the Marriott Marquis. Direct donations to the National Inclusion Project can be made at the Charity Events booth from 9:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, as well as before the Auction on Sunday.

Remember, only you can help us in our quest to raise over $40,000 again this year by join us at this year's charity auction, to be held on Sunday, September 4, 2011, from 10:00 a.m.–3:30 p.m. in the Regency V Ballroom of the Hyatt Regency Hotel. The StarGate Multiverse fan track will hold a separate auction immediately following our main charity auction featuring rare and unique items from the *Stargate* universe! All proceeds will be donated to the National Inclusion Project.

Blood Drive

Robert A. Heinlein, the man who started the tradition of science fiction convention blood drives at MidAmericon back in 1976, believed very strongly in blood donation and in giving to the community in general, in his words, "paying it forward." In addition to a lifetime of writing, this is part of the marvelous legacy he left us.

The success of this drive is a reflection of the wonderful generosity of the Dragon*Con community and a fitting tribute to the man who gave so much of himself to his sci-fi family.

In 2010, we registered 2,560 people and drew 7,351 donations—nearly 1,000 units more than in 2009! Stop by this year and help us break last year's record!

If you've ever enjoyed the Grand Master's work as we have, thank him by "paying it forward" in the way he would have appreciated the most, and join us at the Atlanta Ballrooms in the Sheraton on Thursday from 2:00 p.m.–11:00 p.m. and Friday from 10:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m., and at the Marriott Marquis Hotel, on the Atrium Level, rooms A701–A702, on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from 10:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m., and on Monday from 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. Each donor receives a special Dragon*Con blood drive t-shirt and a chance to win other cool stuff!

Daily Dragon Onsite Updates

Additions and changes to our programming and activities schedule, our award winners, rumors and innuendo, general news, and most importantly the nightly room-party roster will be featured in our daily 'zine, the *Daily Dragon*. If your group or club will be hosting an open room party, please stop by one of the Information Booths and let us know! The *Daily Dragon* is also updated live on the web at: *dailydragon.dragoncon.org*.

*Dragon*Con Late Show*

Realizing the simple impossibility of attending over thirty-five programming tracks simultaneously, we've come to your rescue. We will be video recording such memorable events as the Masquerade, Costume Contest, as well as many of our Main Programming events and live concert performances and re-broadcasting the events live or on tape delay throughout the the day on DC*TV. And don't miss the Dragon*Con Late Show, live every morning at 9:00 a.m.!

Disability Services

At Dragon*Con we welcome everyone! Our staff wants everyone who attends to have fun and enjoy the convention with as little hassle as possible—that's where Disability Services comes into the picture. If you feel that you are in need of our assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us and sign up for our special services.

Disability Services can be located during regular registration hours at their table in Convention Registration area of the Georgia Ballrooms in the Sheraton Atlanta Hotel. If you ever need any assistance, just look for Security, or someone wearing our "Disability Services Assistant" badges.

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Convention Rules

1. You must wear your membership badges at all times to be admitted to any convention function. There will be times when hotel access will be limited to those with badges or room keys. **WEAR YOUR BADGE!**
2. Possession of alcoholic beverages by anyone under the age of 21 is grounds for expulsion from the convention without refund.
3. Please keep all behavior that polite fans would find offensive in your hotel rooms.
4. We'll offer sympathy, but Dragon*Con is not responsible for lost, stolen or damaged property, or for injuries sustained during the course of the convention.
5. In accordance with state law, there will be NO SMOKING allowed inside any of the convention facilities. Please take all smoking outside the hotels.
6. Cameras are not permitted in the Art Show/Print Shop or the Walk of Fame areas. Flash photography will not be allowed during the Masquerade; please check with Masquerade personnel for scheduled pre- or post-Masquerade photo sessions.
7. We reserve the right to ask you to leave the convention and refuse to refund your membership money if you are behaving - in technical terms–like a jerk.
8. Announced events and guests are subject to change and/or cancellation without notice. Every effort will be made to announce any changes via the internet and pre-convention publications and our onsite newsletter, but sometimes last minute changes will occur.
9. Please abide by our weapons policy: All weapons must be nonworking and peace bonded. No functioning projectile weapons including water pistols, silly-string guns, and ping-pong pistols. Bladed weapons must be cased or sheathed at all times. No clowning around or showing off in the common areas. Any weapon used in an offensive manner will be confiscated and rule 7 will be enforced. We expect you to use good judgment; with your help, we can continue to allow peace-bonded weapons.
10. Dragon*Con security staff, hotel security, and local law enforcement officials will treat anything that looks like a real gun as a real gun. We do not post bail. Read rule 7 and 9 again.
11. NO CAMPING IN THE HALLS OR LOBBY! If you are found sleeping in the public areas, you will be asked to go to your hotel room. If you do not have a room, hotel, or venue security will be forced to ask you to leave.
12. Please do not abuse our hotels or convention facilities. This includes putting signs on walls. Room Parties and other announcements may be dropped off at our Information Desk for inclusion in the *Daily Dragon*.
13. Costumers remember that no costume is no costume is NO costume, and there are public nudity laws in Georgia. Please wear appropriate (or at least enough) clothing in the common areas.
14. All Dragon*Con members and attendees at the Dragon*Con Convention are prevented from taking, recording, or creating film, or digital pictures, videos, tapes, sound recordings, or any other visual or auditory recreation of any kind whatsoever, of any Dragon*Con guest, member, volunteer, or employee, or of any Dragon*Con event, including but not limited to the Dragon*Con parade, any Dragon*Con forum, seminar, session, dance, or performance, for any commercial use, or for the solicitation of funds for any commercial or other purpose, without the express written permission of Dragon*Con/ACE, Inc.

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Writers' Track .....Nancy Knight

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Young Adult Literature ..... Bev Kodak

Staff Service Awards

Over 1750 volunteers comprise our 2011 Dragon*Con convention staff—without them, Dragon*Con would not be possible.

We would like to take this opportunity to again thank our staff who often work far in excess of their regularly assigned hours, and sleep little-to-none over the course of the convention to ensure everything is running smoothly or if it isn't, to minimize any problems, and to recognize our convention staff that has been assisting us for over the last twenty five years.

Over 150 additional Fifteen Years Service Awards have been presented since 2001. Our inaugural convention was held in 1987.

The following volunteers will be honored for fifteen years of service:

Jason Allgood	Ben Collier
Lori Diganci	Fong Dong
Robert Farnsworth	David Gordon
Karen Lynn Smith	Thom Stanley

The following volunteers will be honored for twenty years of service:

Michael Allgood	Cynthia Campbell
Marilee Coughlin	Bill Harrison
Robert Harrison	Mike Smith

And for the first time, the following volunteers will be honored for **twenty five** years of service:

Mark Brown	Joseph Campbell
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Souvenir Collectibles

To commemorate your Dragon*Con experience, we have designed a number of souvenir collectibles that are available at the **Dragon*Con Store** located in **Registration Booth #2** on the **Marquis Level at the Atlanta Marriott Marqius**. We also have a satellite location in the **Sheraton Atlanta Hotel**, where we will be selling t-shirts and lanyards only.

We strive to present fine fantasy illustrations on our souvenir t-shirts. Shirts from previous years featured the work of such notable artists as Roger Dean, Arthur Suydam, Olivia DeBerardinis, Rowena, Jim Steranko, Dave Stevens, Joseph Michael Linsner and Derek Yaniger.

Our **Dragon*Con 2011 T-shirt** features original artwork by the legendary fantasy artist Boris Vallejo. They are available in adult sizes (S–XL @ $18; 2XL, 3XL @ $20) and the ever popular "baby doll" style (all sizes $18).

New this year! We will be selling a limited edition zip up hoodie and military style cap embroidered with our 25th anniversary logo.

Our children's t-shirts are back! Featuring the fantastic art of **Bobby Chiu**, they will be available in limited quantities of children's sizes.

Dragon*Con 2011 Commemorative Poster: We produce a limited number of lithographs to commemorate each convention year. The 2011 lithograph features the stunning artwork of award winning illustrator **Michael Whelan** and are available at the convention for $20.

Additional prints from past years feature original artwork by Tara McPherson, Steve Hickman, Joseph Michael Linsner, Larry Elmore, Arthur Suydam, Alex Grey, Syd Mead, Yoshitako Amano, Stephen Youll, Roger Dean, Tom Canty, Keith Parkinson, Bob Eggleton, Alan M. Clark, Tim and Greg Hildebrandt, Jim Steranko, Charles Vess, and a special six-artist composite poster with Jeff Jones, Jon Muth, Kent Williams, George Pratt, Walt Simonson, Dave McKean and Donato Giancola. Limited lithographs remain in our inventory and are available for purchase.

Our **Dragon*Con logo** was originally designed by Atlanta artist Stan Bruns over two decades ago. Dinosaur illustrator William Stout updated it, rendering it in brilliant color (with a touch of computer magic by artist David Robinson).

Stainless Steel Travel mugs and Water Bottles are available this year, and look for our newly redesigned logo'd lanyards, which will be available exclusively at both Dragon*Con Store locations.

Pendants and key chains: We have an extra-heavy brushed pewter design for our pendants and key chains, as well as pendants hand cast in pure sterling silver.

You'll also see our logo embroidered in both gold and green on **baseball caps**. You'll also find it emblazoned on travel clocks, mouse pads and a host of merchandise, including **duffle bags** and **luggage tags**, **key chains**, **refrigerator magnets**, and **Christmas ornaments**. We've added new coffee mugs to our inventory this year and Dragon*Con logo'd **wine glasses** are available.

Why not advertise your fan status every time you get in the car with **window flags** featuring the **Dragon*Con** logo? Also available are two auto window stickers featuring a die cut logo, as well as a simpler printed logo.

Memberships for **Dragon*Con 2012** (*at the lowest rate available all year*), as well as DVD's from previous years will be available in the main store location. Follow us on ***Twitter@ dragoncon_store*** for updates and special "at convention only" deals during the show.

Dealer dollars: Sculpted by Tom Meier and cast in pewter by Iron Wind Metals, these coins are awarded to select contest and event winners and are good for a five-dollar credit from any Exhibitor or Dealer in the Dragon*Con 2011 Exhibit/Dealer Halls and at the Dragon*Con store.

Guest of Honor Awards & Banquet

The Dragon*Con 2011 Awards Banquet will take place Saturday evening beginning promptly at 7:00 p.m. in the Hyatt Regency Ballroom. Master of Ceremonies for the Banquet is Peter David. Featured entertainment includes performances by James Darren, Paul Mercer, and impressionist Craig Crumpton. Banquet Tickets may be purchased at convention registration, as available, and theatre seating at no charge will be available at the event.

Guest of Honor Awards

Dragon*Con will recognize our 2011 Guests of Honor at this very special event:

Terry Brooks
Richard Garfield
Michael Whelan

The Julie Award

In 1998, Dragon*Con established the Julie Award presented annually in tribute to the legendary Julie Schwartz. The Julie Award is bestowed for universal achievement spanning multiple genres, selected each year by our esteemed panel of industry professionals. Our inaugural recipient in 1998 was science fiction and fantasy Grandmaster Ray Bradbury.

"Julie" co-founded the first SF fan magazine, the first World Science Fiction Convention, and the world's first science fiction literary agency, representing the works of Ray Bradbury, Robert Bloch, Alfred Bester, and H.P. Lovecraft. In 1944, Julie began his 45-year editorial role at DC Comics, rescuing the super-hero genre from near-extinction, and revived and modernized *Batman*, *The Flash*, *Green Lantern*, *The Justice League of America*, and *Superman*.

Past winners include:

Julius Schwartz (1998)	Ray Bradbury (1998)
Will Eisner (1999)	Anne McCaffrey (1999)
Yoshitako Amano (2000)	Neil Gaiman (2000)
Harlan Ellison (2001)	Alice Cooper (2001)
Carmine Infantino (2002)	Paul Kantner (2002)
Marty Balin (2002)	Jim Steranko (2003)
Forrest J. Ackerman (2003)	Denny O'Neil (2004)
Chick Corea (2004)	Joss Whedon (2005)
Paul Dini (2006)	Peter David (2007)
Micky Dolenz (2008)	Leonard Nimoy (2009)
Stan Lee (2010)	

The Hank Reinhardt Fandom Award

The Georgia Fandom Award is presented for outstanding contributions to the genre by a Georgia writer, artist, or fan. In 2009, the name of this award was changed to the Hank Reinhardt Fandom Award to honor the memory of the first recipient of the award.

Past winners include:

Hank Reinhardt (1990)	Marilyn Teague (1991)
Lamar Waldron (1992)	Gerald Page (1993)
Samanda Jeude (1994)	Stan Bruns (1995)
Thomas E. Fuller (1996)	Avery Davis (1997)
Irv Koch (1998)	Brad Strickland (1999)
Sue Phillips (2000)	Bill Ritch (2001)
Floyd Chappell (2002)	Wendy Webb (2003)
Nancy Knight (2004)	Regina Kirby (2005)
John Ringo (2006)	Bill Harrison (2007)
Patrick Roberts (2008)	Toni Weisskopf (2009)
Mark Fingerman (2010)	

Partnership Recognition Awards

On the occasion of our 25th anniversary, we recognize and thank those businesses and individuals who have been instrumental in providing the support services required to present Dragon*Con, and we look forward to the next 25 years!

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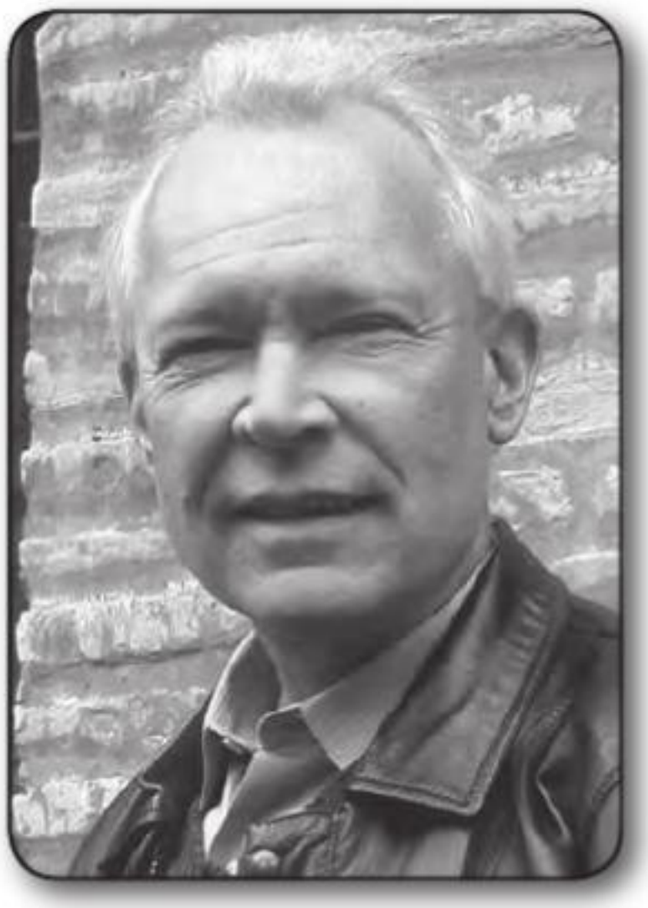
- Atlanta Hilton
- Atlanta Sheraton
- The Westin Peachtree Plaza
- MMI
- Sgt. Steve Nichols–APD
- The Atlanta Convention and Business Bureau

Guests of Honor

Terry Brooks

Author, Guest of Honor

Best known for his *Shannara* and *Magic Kingdom of Landover* series, Terry Brooks is an epic fantasy fiction and urban fantasy writer. His first *Shannara* novel, *The Sword of Shannara* (1977), was the first fantasy book to be in the *New York Times* bestseller list, where it stayed for over five months. Since then he has had more than thirty novels become *New York Times* bestsellers.



Running with the Demon and *A Knight of the Word* were selected by the *Rocky Mountain News* as two of the best science fiction/fantasy novels of the twentieth century.

This year's release of *Bearers of the Black Staff, Book I of the Legends of Shannara* series, marks the thirty-third year Terry has been a published author. It begins a two-book series set 500 years after the events of *The Gypsy Morph*.

His latest *Shannara* book, *The Measure of the Magic: Legends of Shannara*, is due to be released in August 2011.

Richard Garfield

Gaming, Guest of Honor

While always having an interest in puzzles and games, Richard Garfield's passion for games began when he was introduced to *Dungeons & Dragons*. Garfield designed his first game by the time he was 13.

He began designing *Magic: The Gathering* as a Penn graduate student. A group of playtesters, comprising mostly fellow Penn students, formed around the developing game. *Magic: The Gathering* launched in 1993.

In 1994, Garfield left academia to join Wizards of the Coast as a full-time game designer.

He still sporadically contributes to *Magic: The Gathering*. He created the board games *Pecking Order* (2006) and *Rocketville* (2006). The latter was published by Avalon Hill, a subsidiary of Wizards of the Coast.

Recently, he has shifted more of his attention to computer games, having worked on the design and development of *Schizoid and Spectromancer*.

Michael Whelan

Artist, Guest of Honor

Since 1980, Michael Whelan has been one of the world's premier fantasy and science fiction artists. He is currently working full time on his fine art paintings, but in the past three decades he has created more than 350 book and album covers for authors and artists. His clients have included every major U.S. book publisher in addition to such diverse companies as *National Geographic*, Roadrunner Records, and The Franklin Mint.

The stunning color and composition of Michael Whelan's illustrations and his dedication to bringing an author's words to life have brought him fans throughout the world. Now that he is devoting all his time to his own visions, he has found many new collectors in the fine art world. His "gallery" paintings of his personal work are still infused with his signature "sense of wonder," but they are rich in symbolism and offer many layers of meaning to be explored.

Featured Guests

Lynn Abbey

Lynn Abbey's first novel was *Daughter of the Bright Moon*. Since completing *Daughter*, she's published over two dozen novels. She also wrote for and eventually wound up editing the *Thieves' World* shared-world anthology series which ran for twelve volumes in the 1980s and has resurrected for the third millennium, including a "bridge" novel, new anthologies, and some reprints. In addition, *Green Ronin*, an award-winning game-design company licensed *Thieves' World* for a series of fantasy role-playing supplements.

Aaron Allston

New York Times bestselling novelist Aaron Allston has authored nineteen novels, including Celtic hero-pulp fantasies *Doc Sidhe* and *Sidhe-Devil*, and numerous offerings in the the *Star Wars* series; *Star Wars: Fate of the Jedi #1: Outcast* is his most recent. Before becoming a full-time novelist, Aaron wrote or co-wrote nearly fifty role-playing games and game supplements, including titles for Dungeons & Dragons, the Hero System, GURPS, Car Wars, and Paranoia. He has won awards for his game work and game magazine editing, and has been inducted into the Adventure Gaming Hall of Fame.

David Anders

American television and stage actor, David Anders is best known for his roles as "Julian Sark" on *Alias*, and as "Adam Monroe" on *Heroes*. On stage he has played the lead role in *Rockne: The Musical* and appeared in *The Diary of Anne Frank*. His other television roles include guest star appearances on *Grey's Anatomy*, *Warehouse 13*, *Deadwood*, *C.S.I.: Miami*, and *Charmed*. His feature film work includes *Into the Blue 2* and the offbeat independent film *The Revenant*.

Lou Anders

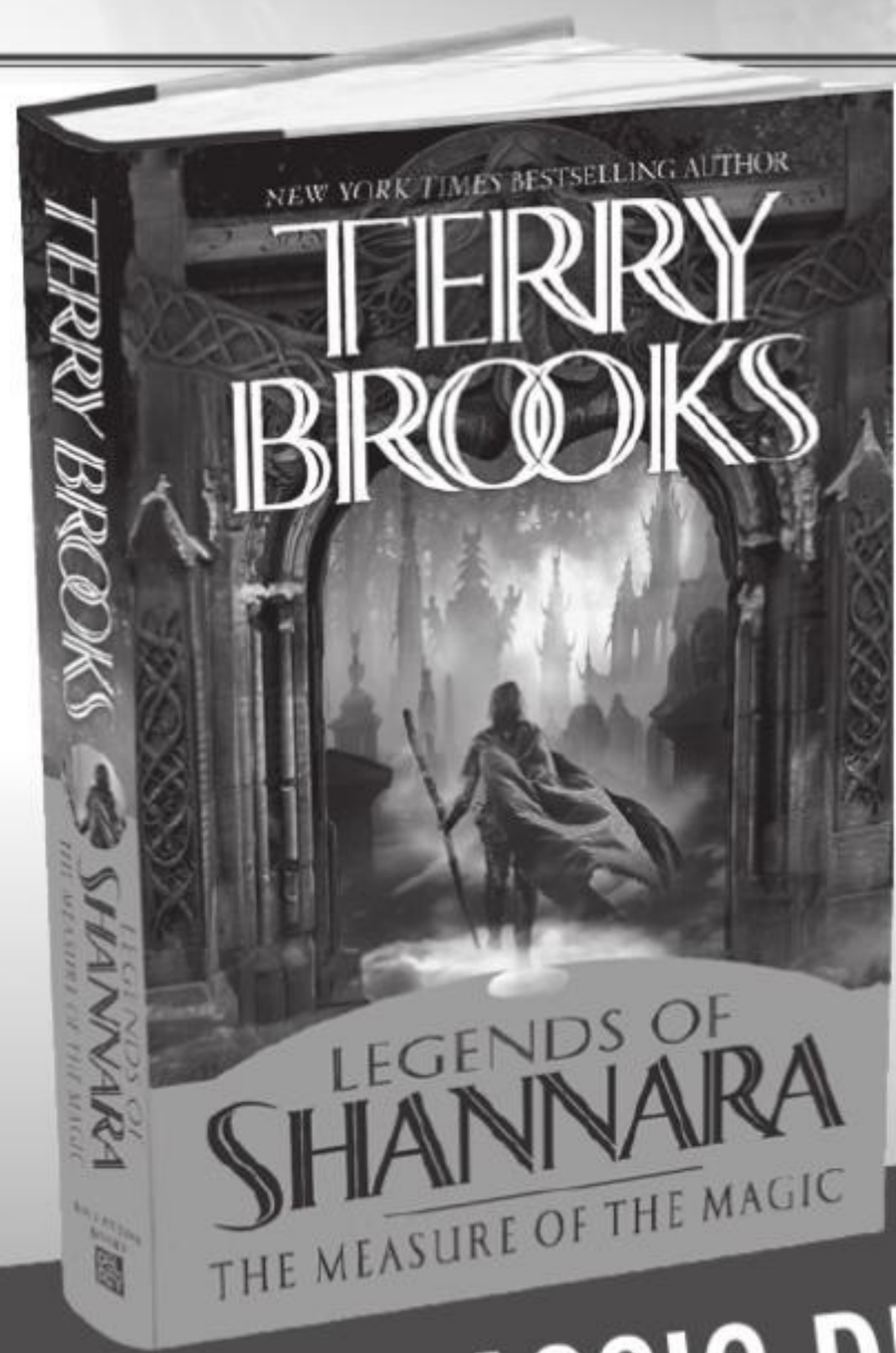
A Hugo Award nominee, Chesley Award nominee, and World Fantasy Award nominee, Lou Anders is the editorial director of Prometheus Books' science fiction and fantasy imprint Pyr, as well as the anthologies *Fast Forward 2*, *Sideways in Crime*, *Fast Forward 1*, *FutureShocks*, *Projections: Science Fiction in Literature & Film*, *Live Without a Net*, and *Outside the Box*. In 2000, he served as the Executive Editor of *Bookface.com*. He is the author of *The Making of Star Trek: First Contact*, and has published over 500 articles.

Kevin J. Anderson

Kevin J. Anderson is the author of more than one hundred novels, forty-seven of which have appeared on national or international bestseller lists. He has over twenty million books in print in thirty languages, and he has won or been nominated for numerous prestigious awards. He coauthored eleven books in Frank Herbert's classic *Dune* universe with Herbert's son, Brian, and is a co-producer with Brian on a major new film of *Dune* from Paramount Pictures. Anderson's *Star Wars Jedi Academy* books were the three top-selling SF novels of 1994. His three original anthologies—"Tales from the Mos Eisley Cantina", "Tales from Jabba's Palace", and "Tales of the Bounty Hunters"—are the bestselling SF anthologies of all time.

Loni Anderson

Most famous for her role as receptionist "Jennifer Marlowe" on *WKRP* in Cincinnati, Loni Anderson's pinup photo in a bikini became one of the bestselling wall posters of the 1970s. She appeared as a regular in the final season on the NBC sitcom **Nurses**. In the late 90s she made a series of cameo appearances on television shows including as the Spellmans' "witch-trash" cousin on *Sabrina, the Teenage Witch* and Vallery Irons' mother on *V.I.P.*



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Ralph Bakshi

Director of animated and live-action, Ralph Bakshi is well known for his fantasy films, which include *Wizards*, *The Lord of the Rings*, and *Fire and Ice*. He has encouraged the public to look at animation in a new way by creating worlds that are sometimes familiar and sometimes we are strangers in yet completely enveloped by their power and strangeness. He pioneered animation with adult themes using political commentary and satire. The Museum of Modern Art has added his films to their collection for preservation. In 2003, he founded the Bakshi School of Animation and Cartooning. In 2010, it was announced that Bakshi will collaborate with Robert Rodriguez on a live-action remake of *Fire and Ice*.

Adam Baldwin

In addition to the cult following Adam Baldwin has received as "Jayne Cobb" in the series *Firefly* and its film sequel *Serenity*, he has appeared in dozens of films and television shows including *Full Metal Jacket* (which launched his career), The *X-Files*, *Predator 2*, *The Cape*, *Men in Black: The Series*, *Stargate SG-1*, and *Angel*. He currently stars as "John Casey" on the comedy-spy series *Chuck* and as the voice of "Decepticon Breakdown" in *Transformers: Prime*.

Glenn Barr

Glenn Barr's paintings have appeared in galleries from Seattle and San Francisco to New York City. Glenn's work has been featured in a variety of comics and graphic novels such as Mad, DC Comics and Paradox Press as well as in a series of self published books called *HEEP*. Barr's contribution to animation include background styling for *The Ren and Stimpy Show*, Bjork's "I Miss You" video, and *The New Woody Woodpecker Show*. Glenn Barr's *Faces*, due in September 2011, brings each reader one step closer to experiencing firsthand the compelling mind and interesting characters found in his world.

Kristin Bauer

Kristin Bauer is an American film and television actress, best known for her role as "Pam," the vampire co-owner of Bon Temps' Fangtasia bar, in *True Blood*. She has made a number of guest appearances in several television shows, including *LA Law*, *Seinfeld*, *Everybody Loves Raymond*, *Dark Angel*, *Two and a Half Men*, *Star Trek: Enterprise*, *CSI: Crime Scene Investigation*, and *Desperate Housewives*.

Trace Beaulieu

Trace Beaulieu is an American puppeteer, writer, and actor and was a founding writer/performer on *Mystery Science Theater 3000* (*MST3K*), playing "Dr. Forrester" and "Crow" for the show's first seven seasons as well as the feature film version of *Mystery Science Theater 3000*. Trace continues to work as both a performer and writer. As an actor, he has appeared on *Freaks and Geeks*, *The West Wing*, and several independent features. He was the host of *People Traps* on Animal Planet. Trace's writing credits include ABC's *America's Funniest Home Videos*, *Fast Food Films* on FX, and authoring the popular comic book, *Here Come the Big People!* He is a dedicated visual artist, with pieces in several collections nationwide.

Jim Beaver

Stage, film, and television actor, playwright, screenwriter, and film historian, Jim Beaver is perhaps most familiar as the gruff but tenderhearted prospector "Whitney Ellsworth" on the Western drama series *Deadwood*. Other notable appearances include *Harper's Island*, *3rd Rock from the Sun*, *The Mentalist*, and *Lois & Clark: The New Adventures of Superman*. He currently portrays "Bobby Singer" in *Supernatural*.

Michelle Belanger

Michelle Belanger is a top expert on the vampire in fiction, folklore, and fact. She is also a leading authority on the Gothic subculture and the modern vampire community. She has presented on Goth and teen culture at the annual meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice and can be seen on a variety of documentaries. In addition to being an animated public speaker, she is also a prolific author and has over a dozen books to her name. Michelle's *Vampires in Their Own Words* has been translated into multiple languages and remains one of the definitive collections on vampires today. Her *Psychic Vampire Codex* set the standard for works on psychic vampirism. Currently, she is appearing on A&E's hit show *Paranormal State* as both an investigator and a psychic.

Julie Bell

Julie Bell is riding at the top in the field of superstar illustrators of the world today. Her credits include creating advertising illustrations for the elite of the corporate world, such as Nike, Coca-Cola and The Ford Motor Company, painting book covers for the major publishing houses in NYC or doing album covers for artists such as Meat Loaf. She was the first woman ever to paint Conan for Marvel Comics, which paved the way for many other commissions from Marvel, DC, and Image Comics to illustrate superheroes in fully rendered paintings. Her first published cover for *Heavy Metal* magazine broke ground for other illustrators with the introduction of her now legendary *Metal Flesh*. Her hyper-realistic style is known for its sexy, powerful images of warriors and amazons and a sensitive, exquisite use of color and texture.

Veronica Belmont

Veronica is a technology and gaming-centric video host based out of San Francisco. Currently her projects include *Qore* (a monthly interactive magazine about the PS3 for Sony) and *Tekzilla*. She also writes a bi-weekly column for *MaximumPC* called "Trending Topics". Veronica initally made her mark as a producer and on-air talent for CNET Networks. She worked on such shows as Buzz Out Loud, MP3 Insider, Crave, and Prizefight. In 2007 she left CNET to host the eclectic video show *Mahalo Daily*, which was named one of the top new podcasts in 2008 on iTunes. An avid gamer and social-networking junkie, Veronica often speaks about her interests at conferences and panels. In her spare time, she co-hosts the science fiction and fantasy podcast *The Sword and Laser* with Tom Merritt.

Joe Benitez

Joe Benitez began his comic-book career in 1993 as an artist for Marc Silvestri[1]s Top Cow Studio at Image Comics. While at Top Cow he co-created and penciled the series *Weapon Zero* and the miniseries *Magdalena: Blood Divine* for the company. He took over the reins on Silvestri and Garth Ennis' highly successful and fan favorite title *The Darkness*. He stepped out on his own as a creator with the six issue miniseries *Wraithborn* that was published by Wildstorm in 2005. As a contract artist for DC Comics he worked on titles such as JLA, Superman/Batman, Detective Comics, Supergirl, and Titans. In 2009 Joe stepped in to finish up Michael Turner's run on his Soulfire series and is currently the cover artist for Aspen Comics' critically acclaimed series *Executive Assistant: Iris*.

Julie Benz

Best known for her role as "Rita Bennett" on *Dexter*, for which she won the 2006 Satellite Award for Best Actress in a Supporting Role, Julie Benz had recurring roles on *Angel* and *Buffy the Vampire Slayer* as the vampire "Darla." Most recently she starred as "Stephanie Powell" on the series *No Ordinary Family*.

Pierre Bernard

Pierre is a graphic designer and comedian, most notable for his work on *The Tonight Show with Conan O'Brien*, and *Late Night with Conan O'Brien*. He had a recurring sketch called "Pierre Bernard's Recliner of Rage", where he would complain about issues that concern him while sitting in a recliner. The issues that he complains about are typically esoteric in nature and mainly deal with comic books, anime, drawing, or science fiction.

Jon Bernthal

Best known for his role as "Shane Walsh" on the television series *The Walking Dead*, Jon Bernthal has performed in over thirty plays, including many with his own award-winning theatre company Fovea Floods. In addition to his theatrical performances, he has appeared in several television series including *Law & Order: Criminal Intent*, *The Class*, and *The Pacific*.

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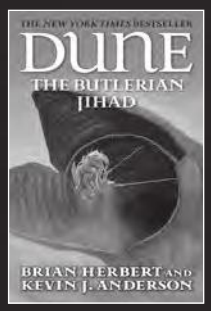

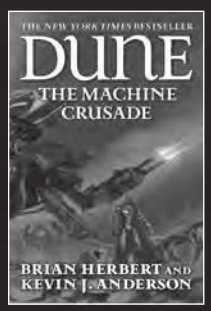

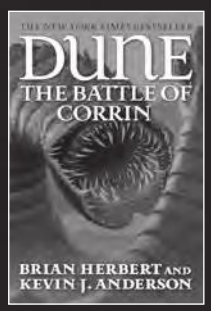

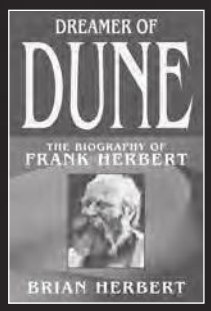

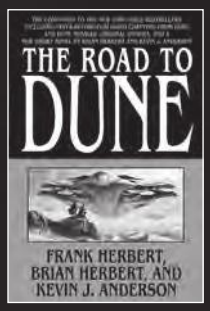

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Dr. Bob Blackwood

Dr. Bob Blackwood taught film study, photography, science fiction, and other literature and English courses at Wright. He and Dr. John Flynn conducted a survey of the members of the World Science Fiction Society of the Top 10 Science Fiction Films of the 20th Century, published the results, and created a book on the ten films. Blackwood and Flynn's book, *Future Prime: The Top Ten Science Fiction Films* was released by Galactic Books in 2006. Blackwood was the president of the International Press Club of Chicago.

David Blue

American actor, writer, producer, and director, David Blue is best known for his portrayal of "Cliff St. Paul" on *Ugly Betty*, "Logan Griffen" on *Moonlight*, and "Eli Wallace" on *Stargate Universe*. He has also made guest appearances on *Veronica Mars*, *Dirt*, and *The Suite Life of Zack and Cody*.

Ernest Borgnine

Television and film actor, Ernest Borgnine has had a career that spans more than six decades. He played "Quinton McHale" in *McHale's Navy* and co-starred as "Dominic Santini" in Airwolf. At 92, he won an Emmy nomination for his work on *ER*. He is currently well known for his role as the voice of "Mermaid Man" in the animated television series *SpongeBob SquarePants*.

Ericka Boussarhane

International psychic and medium Ericka Boussarhane is a highly respected psychic known for her amazing abilities to communicate with loved ones from the other side. As a medium she is able to connect with loved ones who have crossed over to the other side. Ericka is a generational psychic that uses no divination tool for her readings. Ericka has been featured on TV and interviewed by national radio stations across the country. She hosts her own weekly popular radio show *Whispers from the Heart*.

Bruce Boxleitner

An actor, and science fiction and suspense writer, Bruce Boxleitner is well known for his leading roles in the television series *How the West Was Won*, *Bring 'Em Back Alive*, *Scarecrow and Mrs. King*, and *Babylon 5*. In addition to his television work, he starred as "Alan Bradley/Tron" in the film *Tron* and its sequel, *Tron: Legacy*. He is currently working on the recently announced animated science fiction television series *Tron: Uprising* as the voice of "Tron."

Dr. John E. Bradford

Dr. John E. Bradford is President of SpaceWorks Engineering. Dr. Bradford's background is in space systems design with a focus and primary interest in advanced propulsion systems. He has served as the project manager for numerous government sponsored programs with the Air Force Research Labs (AFRL), NASA, and DARPA. Working with various NASA field centers, he has provided both concept analysis and disciplinary expertise in the area of propulsion, and aeroheating. Dr. Bradford led the firm's activities in support of the joint DARPA/Air Force FALCON, DARPA's RASCAL program, AFRL's Robust Scramjet Program, the Air Force's Affordable REsponsive Spacelift (ARES) project, and the ongoing Future-responsive Access to Space Technologies (FAST) program with the Air Force.

Nicholas Brendon

Best known for his character "Xander Harris" in the television series *Buffy the Vampire Slayer*, Nicholas Brendon has a recurring role as FBI technical analyst "Kevin Lynch" in the series *Criminal Minds*. In September 2010, he premiered his web comic Very Bad Koalas, co-created with animation director/producer Steve Loter.

Beau Bridges

An award-winning actor, Beau Bridges has portrayed a myriad of characters during his successful career spanning more than four decades. Best known for his portrayal of "Major General Hank Landry" in the series *Stargate SG-1* and *Stargate: Atlantis*, he also played a prominent role as "BB Hensley" in the film adaptation of *Max Payne*.

Bill Bridges

Bill Bridges is a game designer at CCP/White Wolf. He is the co-creator of Holistic Design's *Fading Suns* science fiction game universe and was the lead designer of the award-winning storytelling system rules for White Wolf's *World of Darkness* games. He designed and developed the award-winning games *Mage: The Awakening*, *Promethean: The Created*, and *Werewolf: the Apocalypse*. His novels include *The Silver Crown* and *Last Battle*.

Fiona Broome

Fiona Broome is one of America's top psychic ghost researchers and an enthusiastic paranormal historian. For over a dozen years, her true ghost stories have fascinated fans online and in real life. She's the author of three ghost books, including *The Ghosts of Austin, Texas*, and she's contributed to books such as *Weird Hauntings*, *Weird Encounters*, and *Armchair Reader: Weird, Scary & Unusual*.

Fiona was the inspiration for the "Fiona" character in the Charmed novel, *Trickery Treat*. She appears regularly on the UK radio show, *Psychic Sundays*, and she is the paragenealogist for the British TV series, *Cromwell's Quest*.

Amy Bruni

Amy Bruni is a good example of what happens when a hobby, turns into a passion, which in turn becomes a way of life. Like many in the paranormal field, Amy grew up in a haunted house. Yet, unlike most in that situation, Amy's family embraced it. Her lifetime of supernatural knowledge drew the attention of Jason Hawes and Grant Wilson of The Atlantic Paranormal Society and the Syfy series, *Ghost Hunters*. She then began helping them with various TAPS activities and shortly thereafter, she helped form the first ever TAPS satellite team, TAPS West. Since then, Jason and Grant have recruited Amy to be part of the TAPS home team on the East Coast and now she travels with the show as a core team member.

Brian Allen Brushwood

Brian Allen Brushwood is an American magician who performs nationwide. He is especially well-known for his display of bizarre magic. He is known to perform fire-eating, escapes, breaking a cinder block over his head, sticking nails in his eyes and nose, sticking needles through his palm, reading minds, and "The Human Crazy Straw". He frequently releases podcasts and vlogs of himself on the road. He has performed on *The Tonight Show*, as well as performing special demonstrations as a regular on the college circuit. Brian joined Leo Laporte's TWiT network, co-hosting the new show "NSFW" along with Justin Robert Young. Each episode of NSFW focuses on late-night internet culture, bizarre games, and interviews with A-list internet celebrities.

Jason Bulmahn

Jason Bulmahn is the Lead Designer of Paizo Publishing, LLC. After having coordinated the world's largest organized play D&D campaign for the RPGA (Living Greyhawk), Bulmahn joined Paizo Publishing as the Managing Editor of *Dragon* magazine in 2004. In 2007, Jason took over as the Lead Designer of the Pathfinder Roleplaying game. His RPG design credits include Dungeonscape, Expedition to the Ruins of Greyhawk, Secrets of Xen'drik, the Pathfinder Roleplaying Game Core Rulebook, Bestiary, and the Advanced Player's Guide. His work has earned one Origins Award and seventeen ENnie Awards, including Best Game and Product of the Year.

Bob Burden

Self-taught Atlanta writer and artist Bob Burden hit the comics scene in the 80s with his raw, primitive, and iconoclastic artwork just as a "new wave" of revolutionary independents were pioneering a creative renaissance. His seminal comic work includes *Mystery Men* (which was the basis for the $60 million Universal film), *Flaming Carrot* (the further adventures of the strangest man alive), and *Gumby*.

Patrick Burns

Patrick Burns is best known for his starring roll as the paranormal investigator on Tru TV's hit series, *Haunting Evidence*. He is also the founder and director of *Ghost Hounds*, the largest paranormal research network in the southern United States. He is one of the most respected and in-demand paranormal researchers today, receiving requests to conduct investigations and lectures from coast to coast. A videographer in his own right, his self-produced video production, *Haunted*, won him acclaim from his peers in the paranormal field and a nomination from Ghost Convention International for best documentary.

Rachel Caine

Rachel Caine is the internationally bestselling author of the *Morganville Vampires* series, which includes tenbooks to date—most recently, Ghost Town and Bite Club. She also writes the bestselling urban fantasy *Weather Warden* and *Outcast Season* series. The most recent *Outcast Season* novel, *Unseen*, was released in February. *Working Stiff*, the first book of her new series *The Revivalists* is an urban fantasy tale of a young woman working in a funeral home who discovers an unnatural plot to revive the dead for profit.

Talent Caldwell

Beginning his career as a background artist in the old Top Cow/Image studios working for and along side the late, great Michael Turner, Talent Caldwell has developed into a well respected artist all his own--drawing and co-writing such titles as *Fathom: Dawn of War* and DC Comic's *Superman: Godfall*. Since his years learning in the Top Cow and then Aspen studio system, Tal has tackled other iconic properties such as *Gen:13*, *Wildcats*, and even *Spectacular Spider-Man*—all while learning to stretch his artistic talents even further by exploring the realms of script writing, digital art, coloring, graphic design, and even a bit of 3D rendering, in his off time.

J. Scott Campbell

Campbell is best known as the original artist and co-creator of *Gen13* and *Danger Girl*. He soon gained a reputation in the American comics industry for his illustrations of women.Campbell, together with fellow comics artists Joe Madureira and Humberto Ramos, founded the Cliffhanger imprint as part of Wildstorm Productions. He then launched his comic series *Danger Girl* through this imprint.

Sara Canning

Best known as the co-star of the television series *The Vampire Diaries* portraying "Jenna Sommers," Sara Canning also starred in the feature film *Black Field*, a Canadian historical drama as "Maggie McGregor." She had guest appearances on *Kyle XY* and *Smallville*, and starred in the science fiction television film *Black Rain*. Last year, she wrote and produced an independent film, which was developed as her student thesis project.

Brian Cano

As the resident parapsychologist on the *SCARED!* crew, Brian J. Cano, first recognized his desire to explore the unknown at a young age. Since 2002 he's been recording his adventures as one of the creators of *SCARED!*, a series of documentaries on paranormal investigation and urban exploration. Producer, graphic artist, editor, parapsychologist... he, as well as the others, wear a thousand hats on the show, truly making it a labor of love.

Mike Capps

Dr. Michael Capps is the president of Epic Games, Inc. based in Cary, NC. Epic is the creator of the award-winning, multimillion-selling *Unreal* and *Unreal Tournament* series, the 2006 Game of the Year Gears of War, and the highly acclaimed *Gears of War 2*. Epic's Unreal Engine 3 is the three-time consecutive winner and current Hall of Fame inductee of Game Developer Magazine's Best Engine Front Line Award. Michael is also an advisory board member of the Game Developers Conference (GDC), the industry's foremost convention for game developers, and he has served as board director of the International Game Developers Association (IGDA), the world's largest nonprofit membership organization for game developers.

Jamie Chambers

Jamie is a writer and tabletop game designer whose creations have taken him to outer space, other worlds, and beyond the reaches of space and time. He wrestles with his math handicap as a game designer and cheerfully fakes the rest. Adapting the stories and creations of others into other media and forms is something he's shown a talent at, as well as creating his own material using the gray stuff that sits in between his ears. He has started his own game publishing company, Signal Fire Studios, and is exploring the world of ePublishing.

Matthew Chapman

Writer-Director Matthew Chapman is the critically acclaimed author of two non-fiction books, Trials of the *Monkey–An Accidental Memoir* and *40 Days and 40 Nights*. Critics and newspapers from Christopher Hitchens to *The Wall Street Journal* have praised his books as brilliant, highly personal accounts of the battle between faith and reason. His screenplay credits include *Consenting Adults* directed by Alan J. Pakula, *Color of Night*, directed by Richard Rush, and *Runaway Jury*, directed by Gary Fleder. He is the co-founder and president of *ScienceDebate.org*, an organization trying to get the presidential candidates to hold a debate on science. He recently wrote and directed *The Ledge*, a thriller about a battle between a non-believer and a fundamentalist.

A. C. Charania

A. C. Charania is President of SpaceWorks Commercial, a division of SpaceWorks Enterprises, Inc. (SEI). He is a strategic thinker and technical analyst in the areas of outer space transportation and infrastructure design, space commercialization and economic modeling, planetary defense engineering and policy, and general far-term technology impact assessment and prioritization. Mr. Charania is an analyst and advocate of commercial space markets, venture-driven space initiatives, and international space activities. He is located in the Washington, D.C. office of SEI, which also serves as the headquarters of SpaceWorks Commercial.

Cinda Williams Chima

New York Times bestselling author Cinda Williams Chima began writing romance novels in junior high school. Her *Heir Chronicles* young adult contemporary fantasy series includes *The Warrior Heir*, *The Wizard Heir*, and *The Dragon Heir*, with two more books forthcoming. Her best-selling YA high fantasy *Seven Realms* series launched with *The Demon King*, followed by *The Exiled Queen* and *The Gray Wolf Throne* scheduled for fall, 2011.

CKKNIGHT

ckknight is a *World of Warcraft* addon developer as well as the lead developer of addon site *WowAce.com*, *CurseForge.com*, *Starcraft 2*-related site SC2Mapster.com, and a software architect for one of Curse, Inc.'s yet-to-be-announced projects. *World of Warcraft* addons include: FuBar, Cartographer, PitBull, Chinchilla, Parrot, Ace2, and various other addons and libraries. ckknight is also a community manager for the addon sites *WowAce.com* and *CurseForge.com*, helping other developers with their projects and providing tools to make their job easier. This includes *World of Warcraft* but also other games such as *Runes of Magic* and *Warhammer Online*. Aside from addons, ckknight recently launched SC2Mapster.com, which is a *StarCraft 2* site to provide tools for map developers and enthusiasts.

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Andrew Clement

Andrew Clements is an American author of children's books. He started his literary career by writing songs then worked for several publishing companies where he published, acquired, edited, marketed, and developed quality children's books. In 1985 he added his own work to the market with a picture book entitled *Bird Adalbert*. His first novel was the award-winning *Frindle*, which has won sixteen state book awards, as well as the Christopher Award.

Freddy Clements

Freddy Clements is Professor of Drama and Faculty Costume Designer at Jacksonville State University. He has been instrumental in the mentorship of many young designers as they continue along the paths to professional careers. He holds a BA in English/Theatre from Emory & Henry College in Virginia and an MFA in Costume Design from Virginia Commonwealth University. He has designed costumes for various theaters and has taught courses in costume design, costume construction, stage make-up, and advanced stage make-up.

David B. Coe

David B. Coe is the award-winning author of eleven fantasy novels, all published by Tor Books, and the occasional short story. His first trilogy, the *LonTobyn Chronicle*, received the Crawford Fantasy Award as the best work by a new author in fantasy. His latest fantasy novel, *The Dark-Eyes' War*, is the final volume of his *Blood of the Southlands* trilogy, which began with *The Sorcerers' Plague* and *The Horsemen's Gambit*. The series is a follow-up to his critically acclaimed *Winds of the Forelands* quintet. He is currently working on a new historical fantasy series, *Chronicles of the Thieftaker*, with the first book in the series, *Thieftaker*, being published by Tor Books early in 2012.

Misha Collins

An American actor and producer, Misha Collins is best known for his role as the angel "Castiel" on the CW television series *Supernatural*. He has had guest and recurring appearances in *Charmed*, *24*, *CSI*, *ER*, *Monk*, and *Without a Trace*. He is currently working on the upcoming web series with supernatural themes, *Divine: The Series*.

Amanda Conner

Amanda Conner is a comic book illustrator known for several years as penciler on the hit series *Vampirella* for Harris Comics, the bestselling Event Comic *Painkiller Jane vs the Darkness*, and *Painkiller Jane* (the origin book). She co-created *Gatecrasher* for BlackBull Comics and The Pro, a creator-owned book for image with Jimmy Palmiotti and Garth Ennis. Amanda's work can also be seen outside the comic book community in such places as ABC's *Nightline*, the *New York Times*, *Mad Magazine*, and character designs for film and television.

Frank Conniff

Frank Conniff is a comedy writer and performer who began his TV career writing for the Peabody award winning Comedy Central series *Mystery Science Theater 3000 (MST3K)*, where he also played "TV's Frank," the bumbling yet lovable mad scientist. He then went on to be a writer, producer and actor on the series *Sabrina the Teenage Witch*. He was a writer and producer on *The Drew Carey Show*, *The New Tom Green Show*, the satirical series *O2BE*, where he was also a cast member, and head writer of the animated series *Invader Zim*.He recently wrote *Akihabara@Deep*, an anime-style pilot for Nickelodeon International. Currently he is the creator, writer, and star of *Cartoon Dump*, an original web series.

Dave Cook

Zombies, Rollergirls, and Rock 'N' Roll Monsters! Atlanta-local artist, illustrator, and graphic designer Dave Cook has produced work for the Atlanta Rollergirls, Netherworld Haunted House, and Dad's Garage, to name a few. Dave is also the creator of Splatter Comix, a retro horror magazine that features gory thrills, sly humor, and "a bucket of blood in every issue" guaranteed." The title has been picked up by Diamond Distributors, and the first brain-crushing issue will be splattering stores in early October.

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Monte James Cook

Monte James Cook has worked as a professional writer and game designer since 1988. He has published two novels, numerous short stories, countless articles, and a comic book series for Marvel. Monte was also one of the three principal designers of 3rd Edition D&D and the d20 system. His d20 game design studio, Malhavoc Press, produced award-winning products like Monte Cook's *Arcana Evolved*, *Ptolus*, and the *Books of Eldritch Might*. Monte has worked in the game industry since on games such as D&D, Champions, Rolemaster, and more. He also created HeroClix, D20 Call of Cthulhu, and Monte Cook's *World of Darkness*.

Darwyn Cooke

Eisner Award-winning comic book writer, artist, cartoonist, and animator. Darwyn Cooke published his first comic book work as a professional artist in 1985 and worked as a storyboard artist for *Batman: The Animated Series* and *Superman: The Animated Series*, animated the main title design for *Batman Beyond*, and worked as a director for Sony Animation's *Men in Black: The Series*. He wrote and drew *Batman: Ego*, and teamed up with Ed Brubaker to revamp the Catwoman character with a four-issue serial in *Detective Comics #759–762*. He wrote and drew a prequel, the Selina's *Big Score* graphic novel.

Bill Corbett

Bill Corbett is a former writer and performer for *Mystery Science Theater 3000*. He provided the second incarnation of the robot Crow and other strange characters, including the all-powerful but clueless alien The Observer, a.k.a. "Brain Guy." He now works with former *MST3K* colleagues Michael J. Nelson and Kevin Murphy at *Rifftrax.com*. Corbett is also a screenwriter and playwright. His plays have been produced at numerous theaters across the U.S., Canada, Great Britain, and (seriously) Japan. A native of Brooklyn, New York, Corbett currently lives in Minneapolis, Minnesota, with his wife Virginia, their two children, and a small Jack Russell Terrier who really runs the house. He hopes someday to raise alpacas.

Larry Correia

Larry Correia is a *New York Times* bestselling fantasy and science fiction author with Baen Books. His first novel, *Monster Hunter International*, was originally self published but despite that ended up on the *Entertainment Weekly* bestseller list. Larry then landed his first publishing contract with Baen. The Baen version of *Monster Hunter International* was a great success and went through four printings in its first year. The sequel, *Monster Hunter Vendetta*, hit the *New York Times* bestseller list. His other projects include the alternative history/pulp fantasy series *The Grimnoir Chronicles*, an upcoming thriller, and a new space opera collaboration with sci-fi great John Ringo.

Hunter Cressall

Hunter Cressall is a director and editor who specializes in bridging the narrowing gap between consumer, prosumer, and broadcast video. He is a skilled HD digital editor with a background in feature films that includes art direction, miniatures, and special effects photography. A working member of the film and television community since 1989, Hunter designed special hand props and miniatures for both film and television. He left Hollywood for a position as a Director at Leo Ticheli Productions, where he gained extensive experience with HD video. Now freelancing as a director and editor, he writes and directs his own short films.

A. C. Crispin

A. C. Crispin is the author of the bestselling *Star Wars* novels *The Paradise Snare*, *The Hutt Gambit*, and *Rebel Dawn*. She has also written four top-selling *Star Trek* novels, *Yesterday's Son*, *Time for Yesterday*, *The Eyes of the Beholders*, and *Sarek*, and the 1984 novelization of the television miniseries, *V*. She went on to collaborate on two more books in the *V* series, *East Coast Crisis*, with Howard Weinstein, and *Death Tide*, with Deborah Marshall, and she and Andre Norton wrote two *Witch World* novels together, Gryphon's Eyrie and Songsmith. Her teaching credits include a semester-long "Writing for Profit" course at Charles County Community College, two two-day writing workshops for Harrisburg Area Community College, a two-day writing seminar at Towson State University, and numerous mini-workshops. She currently teaches writing workshops at Anne Arundel Community College and Dragon*Con.

Drew Curtis

As the proprietor and editor-in-chief of *Fark.com*, Drew Curtis is in a very unique position where digital media is concerned. For the past twelve years, he has watched as media evolved from an industry who eschewed and dismissed the digital realm to an industry very much aware that their survival depends on it. With over 2000 news items a day submitted by a pool of three million users, there's very little that happens in the world that doesn't pass across Drew's desk, all thanks to the advances in digital media. And yet, without traditional journalism, there would be nothing to report. Fark represents a new piece of the media consumption equation, curation.

Larry D. Curtis

By day, Larry D. Curtis is mild mannered newspaper and web editor. After hours, Larry is better known as MrCere, a senior staff member at *TheOneRing.net*, where he plays photographer, reporter, reviewer, merchandiser, and public speaker, produces parties and events, and co-ordinates line parties around the globe. He is an advocate for fans of books, film, and games, especially those involved in the works of J.R.R. Tolkien. He was also a unit director for *Ringers: Lord of the Fans* and is involved with Sundance and Slamdance.

Peter Capn' Cutler

Peter Capn' Cutler has been a freelance cartoonist, illustrator, animator, and comic book artist. Originally he wanted to break into animation and film, but was bitten by the comic book bug after seeing the work of Robert Crumb, Will Eisner, and Peter Bagge while attending college. He has joined with New Legend comic producer and writer Michael Gordon to the art work for *Tiki Zombie* coming out this summer as well as working on the comic book project *The Beastie Bunch*. Cutler has also done some work animation, editing, and ad work.

Jeremy Dale

Jeremy Dale is a comic book artist best known for his work on G.I. Joe comics for Hasbro with creator Larry Hama as well as the 2008 Harvey Award-winning *Popgun v.1* from Image Comics and *Miserable Dastards* (recently optioned as a feature film). He is currently working on several projects, including the creator-owned *Skyward* series. He is a featured guest at several shows, conventions, and signings every year.

James Darren

James Darren is a television and film actor, director, and singer, best known for his roles as "Officer Jim Corrigan" on *T. J. Hooker*, and as holographic crooner and advice-giver "Vic Fontaine" on *Star Trek: Deep Space Nine*. He worked as a director on many action-based television series, including Hunter, *The A-Team*, and *Nowhere Man*, as well as dramas such as *Beverly Hills, 90210*, and *Melrose Place*.

Kathleen O'Shea David

Kathleen O'Shea David started working with puppets when she was two and over forty years later she is still "wiggling dolls" for fun and profit. Her puppets are in collections all over the world. She is a freelance book editor and the owner of No String Attached (Custom Puppets, Masks, and Dolls). Her short story "On a Pedestal" appeared in *The Big Finish Doctor Who: Qualities of Leadership* anthology. With her husband, Peter David, she adapted the first four issues of the Japanese manga *Negima* for Del Rey Books. Currently, she is an associate editor for *Time & Space Magazine*. She is a former associate editor at Del Rey Books and spent a lot of time in the *Star Wars* universe. Current projects include a couple of novels, *the Gawblin Boys*, and various art projects that have been on the drawing board for a while, including a set of puppets based on a short story by Neil Gaiman and a set of Scary Godmother puppets based on the characters created by Jill Thompson.

Peter David

Peter David is a past winner of Dragon*Con's Julie Award, as well as an Eisner, and is the bestselling author of over eighty novels, including *Tigerheart*, *Mascot to the Rescue*, the *Sir Apropos of Nothing* trilogy, the *Hidden Earth* series, the *Star Trek: The New Frontier* series, the fan favorite *Star Trek* novel *Imzadi*, and many others. He is also known for his twelve year award-winning stint on *The Incredible Hulk*. For Marvel Comics, he writes *X-Factor*; the adaptation of Stephen King's *Dark Tower* books, and *Wolverine: First Class*. He also writes the creator-owned *Fallen Angel* for IDW. His notable comic book work includes an award-winning, twelve-year run on *The Incredible Hulk*, as well as runs on *Aquaman*, *Young Justice*, *Supergirl*, and *Fallen Angel*.

Felicia Day

Known for her work as "Vi" on the TV series *Buffy the Vampire Slayer*, as well as the Internet musical, *Dr. Horrible's Sing-Along Blog*, Felicia Day is also the star, script writer, and producer of the original web series *The Guild*—a show loosely based on her life as a gamer. She also created a song and music video called "(Do You Wanna Date My) Avatar," featuring the cast of *The Guild* dressed up as their in-game personae.

Nicole de Boer

Best known for her roles as "Ezri Dax" on *Star Trek: Deep Space Nine* and "Sarah Bannerman" on *The Dead Zone*, Nicole de Boer also starred as "Dr. Alison Porter" in the series *Stargate: Atlantis*. Her first major television work was a re-occurring role on the Canadian sketch comedy show *The Kids in the Hall* as "Laura."

Christopher Dedman

Chris Dedman has been researching and investigating the paranormal for many years. At age 15, he saw his first ghost while filming the movie *Gettysburg* in Gettysburg, PA and was hooked. This personal experience gave Chris the desire and motivation to seek out answers within the paranormal field. Due to his investigating of the paranormal, Chris works with several families on cases dealing with possible paranormal activity and teaches them how to deal with it. He also lectures at variety of paranormal conventions and has worked with many top names in the paranormal field, and hosts his own radio show called *Dead Time*.

Steve Dillon

Steve Dillon first realized his potential as a serious comic book artist during the production of a school comic book called *Sci-Fi Adventures* with school friends Neil Bailey & Paul Mahon in 1975. His first strip in this comic was *The Space Vampire*. This was followed by the *Escape from the Planet of the Apes* series. In the late seventies he wrote and illustrated a strip *Pi* in a fanzine produced with Bailey called *Ultimate Science Fiction*. Together with author Garth Ennis, Dillon worked on *Hellblazer* and, later, on the critically acclaimed, *Preacher*. Additionally, he created the character Dogwelder, featured in Ennis's series *Hitman*.

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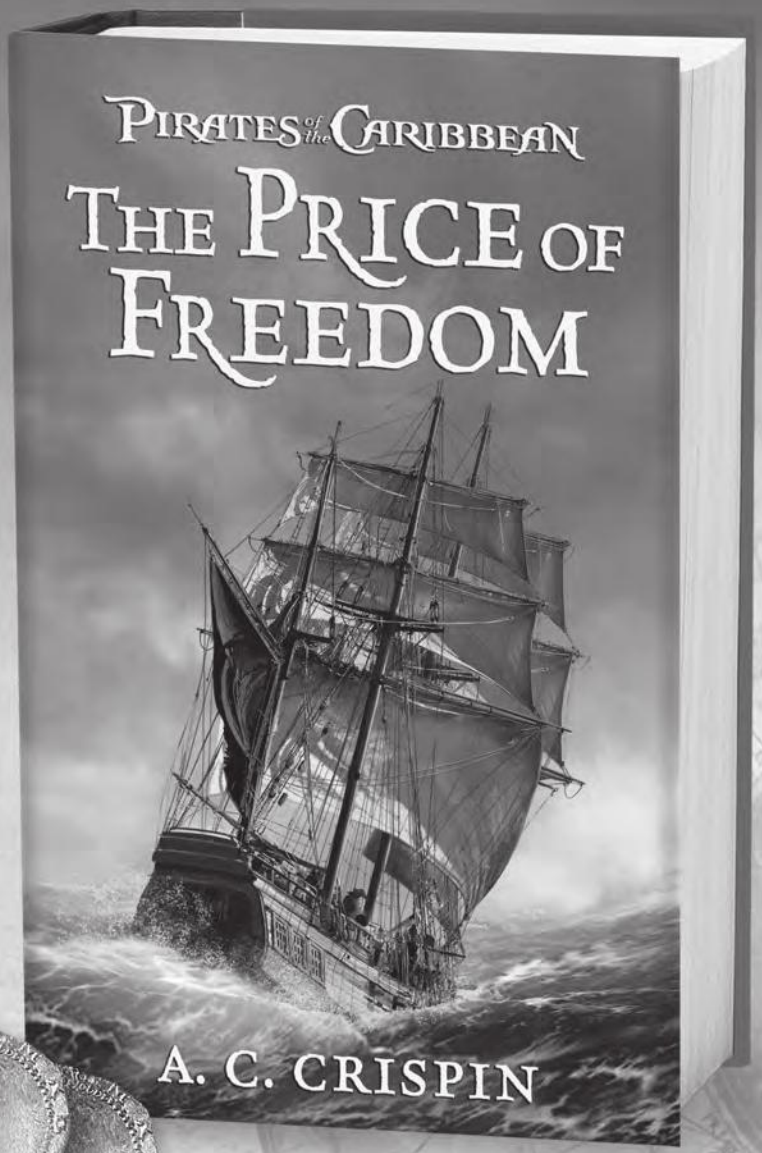

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Eric & Jessica Dionne

Eric J. Dionne is the Founder of The International Cryptozoology Establishment, better known as I.C.E.. Eric is also the Co-Founder of S.E.P.I.A. a paranormal investigative group, and the Host of SEPIA RVP Radio. Eric Dionne is also a featured Cryptozoologist on *Weird or What?* series. *Weird or What?* is a series on the Discovery Channel in the US hosted by William Shatner. Each episode contains four separate stories of the bizarre and unexplained. Each story ends with the host asking "is it Weird, or What?". The show also airs on History Television in Canada, SBS One in Australia, and TV3 in New Zealand. The New Zealand features only three stories with William Shatner featured, but it was merely a re-ordering of the sequencing of stories.

Eric and Jessica Dionne also appeared on SyFy's series *Haunted Collector* as a case that John Zaffis and his family helped out due to strange and mincing paranormal activity.

Larry Dixon

Larry Dixon is a fantasy artist and novelist married to fantasy author. In Junior High, he spent his weekends learning Chainmail and D&D from some of the original mimeographed and handwritten manuscripts of the games. He has been a roleplaying games buff since the 1970's, and has illustrated or helped design many RPGs. Of his many cover-credited novels are the ever-popular *Gryphon* series, the *Winds, Storms, SERRAted Edge*, and Owl books with the his wife Mercedes Lackey.

Kevin Dockery

Kevin Dockery has been working with the military in one form or another throughout his adult life. From being an enlisted man in the President's Guard in Washington D.C., where he cared for 77 flintlock muskets among other arcane weapons, to an infantry platoon sergeant, he has managed to be a hands-on expert with most of the tools of modern warfare.

Beginning his writing career in the role-playing business, he wrote the *Morrow Project* in the late 70s and received college credit for doing so. He has written a number of biographies as well as a historical overview in his large work, *The Complete History of the Navy SEALs*. His ordinance-related books include *Weapons of the Navy SEALs, Future Weapons*, and a history of sniping, *Stalkers and Shooters*.

Elizabeth Donald

Elizabeth Donald's first novel, an erotic vampire mystery titled *Nocturnal Urges*, which won the Darrell Award and was a finalist for the Prism Award. The third book in the series, *Abaddon*, won the Darrell Award. Current projects include *The Dreadmire Chronicles*, a role-playing game novelization for Spellbinder Books.

Elizabeth has written a number of short stories and essays that have appeared in a variety of online and print publications. One such story, "Wonderland," won the Darrell Award in 2006. She also co-wrote an episode of Muse City, an urban fantasy web serial, with series author Jason R. Tippitt. Currently, Elizabeth is a newspaper reporter in the St. Louis region and writes "CultureGeek", a pop-culture reviews blog and column.

Mark Dos Santos

Mark was born and raised in New Jersey, and discovered comics in the Army, when he rescued some copies of X-Men a fellow soldier was about to toss. Returning home, he attended the legendary Joe Kubert School and after his second year he headed out west to sunny California. He has done work on *Grimm Fairy Tales for Zenescope, Cthulhu Tales, Fall of Cthulhu: Godwar* and most recently *Eureka: Dormant Gene from Boom*. He is currently working on a series with *Man of Action* writer Steve Seagle that will be out through Image some time next year. His art can also be seen on sketch cards for Marvel and DC produced by Rittenhouse Archives.

Aaron Douglas

Aaron Douglas is a Canadian actor best known for his portrayal of "Chief Galen Tyrol" on SyFy's *Battlestar Galactica*. Before *Battlestar Galactica*, Aaron had guest roles on several series including *Stargate SG-1, Dark Angel, Smallville, Outer Limits, Jeremiah, Andromeda*, and *Dead Zone*. Currently, he can be seen weekly starring in his new role of "Police Union President Frank Leo" in the hit Canadian police drama series *The Bridge*.

Carole Nelson Douglas

Carole Nelson Douglas is author of fifty-four novels ranging from fantasy and science fiction to mystery, mainstream, and romance. Her novel *Dancing with Werewolves* launched a noir urban fantasy series, *Delilah Street, Paranormal Investigator*. *Dancing with Werewolves* and its sequel, *Brimstone Kiss*, received starred reviews in *Publishers Weekly* and made Nielsen Bookscan bestseller lists. *Good Night, Mr. Holmes*, the first Irene Adler novel and *New York Times* Notable Book of the Year, was reissued in trade paperback to coincide with the first Robert Downey, Jr., *Sherlock Holmes* film. Douglas was the first novelist to use a woman from the *Sherlock Holmes* stories as a protagonist.

Elonka Dunin

Elonka Dunin is Executive Producer and General Manager of Online Community at Simutronics Corporation, as well as cofounder and Chairperson Emerita of the International Game Developers Association's Online Games SIG. Her company, Simutronics, is a leading developer of online multiplayer games. One of the Simutronics games, *GemStone*, is the longest-running such game in the world, with a history that goes back over twenty years. Simutronics has several games online, including medieval fantasy games such as *GemStone IV* and *DragonRealms*, the modern-day mystery adventure, *Modus Operandi*, the award-winning 3-D action game, *CyberStrike*, and the Greek mythology game *Alliance of Heroes*. Simutronics created the game development platform HeroEngine, which has been licensed by several other MMO companies such as Bioware for their own products. In 2010, Simutronics launched a new (and hilarious) game for the social-networking space, *Fantasy University*.

Robin Dunne

Robin Dunne is currently starring in the immensely popular Syfy program *Sanctuary* as "Dr. Will Zimmerman" and was just nominated for a 2009 Gemini for Best Performance by an Actor. He has also appeared in *Robin Hood: Beyond Sherwood Forest*, where he plays *Robin Hood*. He has been seen on such shows and movies as, *Mark Twain's Roughing It*, *Dead Like Me*, *Dawson's Creek*, *Species 3*, and the ever popular *Cruel Intentions 2*. As well as being an actor, Dunne also co-writer the Nickelodeon films *Roxy Hunter* and the *Mystery of the Moody Ghost* and *Roxy Hunter* and the *Secret of the Shaman*.

Ashley Eckstein

Ashley Eckstein is the voice of Ahsoka Tano on the hit animated series, *Star Wars: The Clone Wars*. Her first appearance on *JAG* set the stage for a promising career. She was soon cast as "Jan Brady" in *The Brady Bunch in the White House*. Since then, she has starred in *Blue Collar TV*, *Phil of the Future*, *Drake and Josh*, *That's So Raven*, *Alice Upside Down*, and *Sydney White*. Recognizing a need and a desire for merchandise created especially for the female fan, Eckstein created Her Universe, a new apparel line featuring fashionable, feminine products for fangirls, starting with *Star Wars*.

Jeffrey J. Ello

Jeff Ello (aka "Jello") is a technologist and filmmaker, specializing in digital production and special effects techniques for independent film and commercial projects. Jeff adapts technologies and techniques from a wide range of disciplines to make filmmaking easier, cheaper, and fresh. He is a CG artist/3D animator by training and has enjoyed a 20-year digital career that spans a wide array of visual communication and information technology fields serving as DP, VFX supervisor, and many IT roles. He is constantly experimenting with emerging technologies and distilling tips and tricks for use in the field.

Larry Elmore

Larry Elmore's primary area is cover illustrations. He has done work for role-playing games, comics, paperback books, hardcover books, magazines, computer games, toys, and cards. His art has been published by all major publishers of paperback books and role playing games. Elmore is best known for his covers for the original *Dragonlance* novels.

He has co-authored one paperback book, *Runes of Autumn*. Larry is also the creator of the world of *SovereignStone*. The first trilogy of *SovereignStone* hardback novels is entitled *The Well of Darkness* and was written by bestselling authors Margaret Weis and Tracy Hickman. Larry presented this world and its epic story to Margaret and Tracy as "a project that we could all have fun with." The *SovereignStone* role-playing game was subsequently released.

Elvira

Elvira was the first horror host ever to be syndicated nationally and has emerged as one of the most original and outrageous characters today. Her wickedly vampish appearance is offset by her comical character, quirky/quick-witted personality, and valley girl-type speech.

Robert Englund

Robert Englund is best known for playing the fictional serial killer "Freddy Krueger," in the *Nightmare on Elm Street* film series. Since his first horror film, *Eaten Alive*, he has made over one hundred appearances on film and television. He is currently working on *Green Lantern: The Animated Series* as the voice of "Parallax."

Richard Epcar

Richard Epcar is a voice actor specializing in anime voice overs. He has voiced over three hundred characters for television, movies, and video games. His career began with the original *Robotech* series where he played "Ben Dixon," "Lunk," "Grel," and now "Captain Vince Grant" in *Robotech: the Shadow Chronicles*. He is the best known as the voice of "Batou" in all things *Ghost in the Shell*.

Beth Ezzo

Beth is the *Haunted Collector* team's psychic investigator and is John's right-hand woman in the field. She's been involved in paranormal research since she was a teenager, and has always had a natural ability for feeling a spirit's energy and making contact with the other side. Beth is indispensible in helping to find what item a spirit or energy may be hiding in.

G. D. Falksen

G. D. Falksen is the author of several serials, including *The Strange Case of the All-Seeing Ear*, as well as *An Unfortunate Engagement and The Mask of Tezcatlipoca*, both of which are appearing in *Steampunk Tales*. He is also a speaker on the steampunk subculture, having given interviews on the subject to the *New York Times*, the *San Francisco Chronicle*, and MTV. He is also the lead writer for the video game project *AIR: Steampunk*. He has given talks on history, the neo-vintage movement, and the steampunk subculture at various conventions on the East Coast.

Bill Fawcett

Bill Fawcett has been a professor, teacher, corporate executive, and college dean. He is one of the founders of Mayfair Games, a board and roleplay gaming company. As a book packager, a person who prepares series of books from concept to production for major publishers, his company Bill Fawcett & Associates has packaged over 250 titles for virtually every major publisher.

His novel writing began with the juvenile series *Swordquest* for Ace Penguin Putnam Publishing. He wrote or co-wrote four fantasy novels, beginning with the *Lord of Cragsclaw*. *The Fleet* series he created with David Drake has become a classic of military science fiction. Bill has collaborated on several novels, including mysteries such as the authorized *Mycroft Holmes* novels, the *Madame Vernet Investigates* series, and edited *Making Contact, a UFO contact handbook*. As an anthologist, Bill has edited or co-edited almost fifty anthologies.

Tom Feister

Tom Feister has been a member of Jolly Roger Studio since 2001 and works in the arctic cold of his office in Atlanta's Studio Revolver. Tom's work has appeared on the covers of *Fantastic Four*, *Iron Man*, *Exiles*, and *Legion*. In 2007, Tom and penciller Tony Harris were nominated for an Eisner Award for best penciller-inker team for their work on *Ex-Machina*. Currently, Tom is providing covers for IDW's *GI Joe: Origins* and working on an issue of *Witchblade* for Top Cow. Tom is also developing a pilot for the SyFy Channel.

Tom Felton

English actor and musician, Tom Felton is best known for playing the role of "Draco Malfoy" in the *Harry Potter* film series. His portrayal of "Draco Malfoy" won him the MTV Movie Award for Best Villain in 2010 and 2011. He will portray the human character "Dodge" in the upcoming science-fiction film *Rise of the Planet of the Apes*.

Colin Ferguson

Canadian actor Colin Ferguson currently stars as the lead character "Sheriff Jack Carter" in *Eureka*. He was a guest presenter for sci-fi news show *HypaSpace*. Additionally, he has been in numerous television series including *The Hunger*, *The Outer Limits*, *Coupling*, *CSI: Miami*, and *Malcolm in the Middle*, and several films including *The Surprise Party*, *Playing House*, and *Lake Placid 3*. Colin has appeared in made-for-TV movies about the *Monkees* and the *Osmonds*. He starred in the short-lived American version of the British sitcom *Coupling*. He even joined the *Ghost Hunters* team for a probe of decommissioned Navy aircraft carrier U.S.S. Hornet.

Louis Ferreira

Louis Ferreira is best known to Science Fiction audiences from his recent Gemini Award nominated role as "Colonel Everett Young" on *Stargate Universe*. His first nomination resulted in receiving the Gemini for Best Lead Dramatic Actor in a Series for his work in *Durham County*. With his broad acting range, Louis has enjoyed a limitless career from his roles in *Grey Gardens*, *The Andromeda Strain*, and his portrayal of "Donald Trump" in *Trump: Unauthorized*. Louis, also credited as Justin Louis, has also starred in the single camera comedy Hidden Hills as well as the half hour multi-camera Battery Park. He was also seen opposite Mark Wahlberg in *The Shooter* for Paramount.

Lou Ferrigno

Lou Ferrigno became a superstar with the emergence of the CBS mega-hit, *The Incredible Hulk*, and the 1977 bodybuilding documentary, *Pumping Iron*. In 2000, the cable television premiere of *Pumping Iron* was televised globally on both HBO and Cinemax. He also co-starred with Elizabeth Hurley and Brendan Frazier in *Bedazzled*.

Samantha Ferris

Samantha Ferris is best known for her roles as "Nina Jarvis" on *The 4400* and as "Ellen Harvelle" on *Supernatural*. Other recent television roles include that of deckhand "Pollux" in *Battlestar Galactica*, as well as roles in *Smallville*, *Stargate SG-1*, *The L Word*, *V*, and the voice of "Sally Po" in the anime, *Mobile Suit Gundam Wing*.

Susan Fichtelberg

Susan Fichtelberg is the author of *Encountering Enchantment: A Guide to Speculative Fiction for Teens*. A children's librarian and a lover of science fiction and fantasy, she has presented programs about speculative fiction for children and teens at Worldcons, Dragon*Cons, The Witching Hour, and Phoenix Rising, as well as for state and national library conferences. She has co-authored with Bonnie Kunzel, Tamora Pierce: *A Student Companion to Young Adult Literature*, released in 2007. Her newest book is called *Primary Genreflecting*.

Carrie Fisher

Actress, novelist, screenwriter, and lecturer, Carrie Fisher is most famous for her portrayal of "Princess Leia Organa" in the original *Star Wars* trilogy, her bestselling novel *Postcards from the Edge*, for which she wrote the screenplay to the film of the same name, and her autobiography *Wishful Drinking*. Of her many television appearances, including *Weeds*, *30 Rock*, and *Robot Chicken*, she is best known for her portrayal of "Angela" on the animated series *Family Guy*. Fisher hosted her own show on the Oxygen network, *Conversations from the Edge*. Her television credits range all the way from *Laverne and Shirley* to *Sex and the City*

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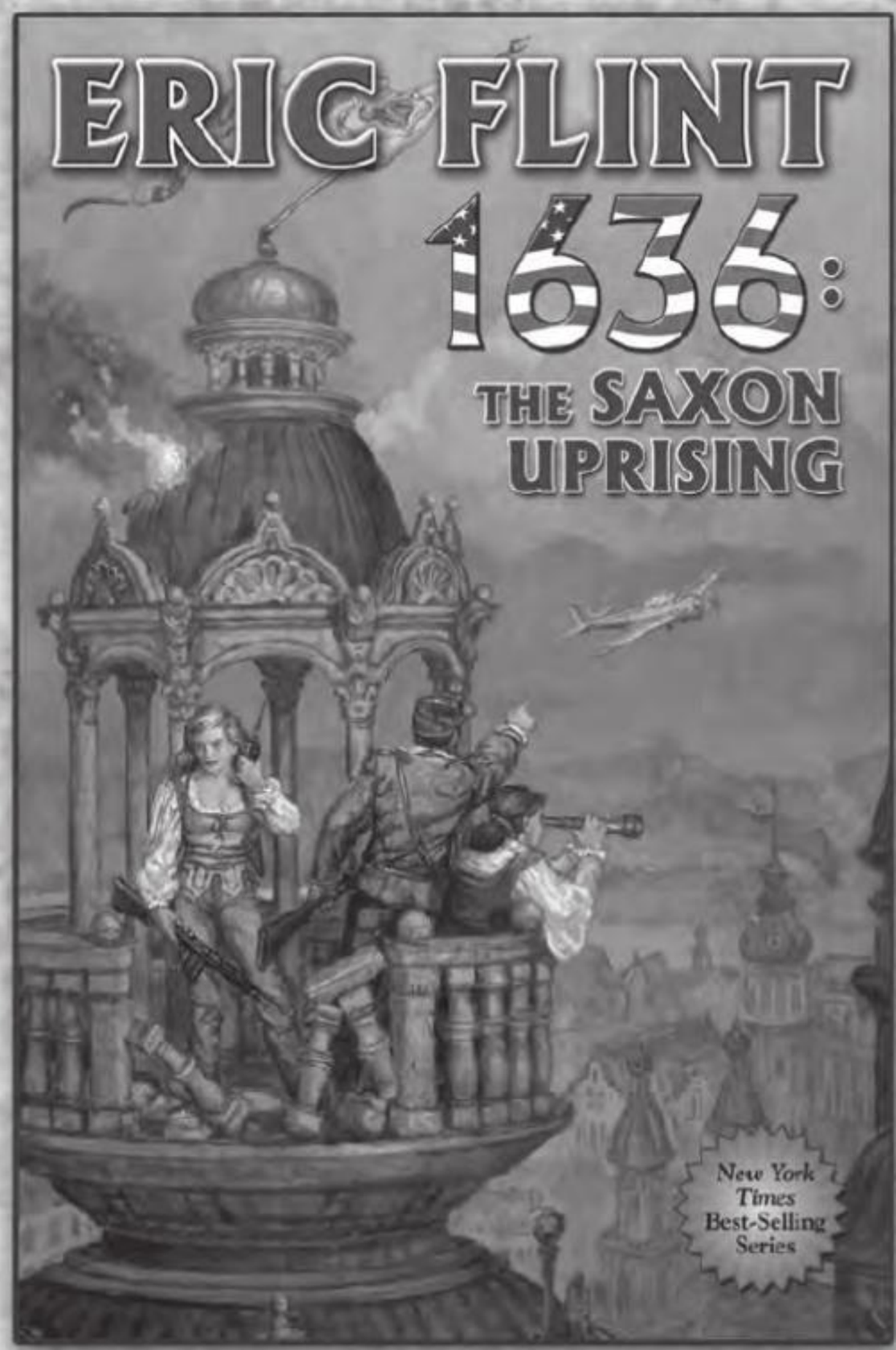

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Rob Fitz

Rob Fitz started his film career as a professional make-up artist. He has done FX and straight make-up for over twenty feature films from low budget independents to huge studio features like *Surrogates* and *Edge of Darkness*. During this time he also directed short films. One of these, *Lost Face*, was bought and put on several DVD releases from EI independent cinema. For the last five years, writer, producer, and director Rob Fitz has created the epic gore film *God of Vampires*. The film has been an official selection in several US and international film festivals and had several nominations including best picture and best special FX. Rob is already preparing to shoot his next film, *The Pact*, and has been hired to direct several music videos.

Sean Patrick Flanery

Flanery started acting in college after he joined an acting class to meet a girl that he had a crush on. He later moved to Los Angeles, California, in order to pursue his acting career. Since 1988, he has appeared in over 53 films, including *The Boondock Saints*, *Powder*, *Simply Irresistible*, and *D-Tox*. He is best known for playing "Connor McManus" in *The Boondock Saints* and *The Young Indiana Jones Chronicles*. He had a brief role as the ascended being "Orlin" in *Stargate SG-1*. He appeared on the TV show *The Dead Zone* in the role of "Vice-President Greg Stillson" until its cancellation. Flanery also appeared in an installment of Showtime's *Masters of Horror* playing a town sheriff in the episode "The Damned Thing." He was recently cast in the lead role in the Syfy horror film *Mongolian Death Worm*. He also appeared in a supporting role in *Saw 3D*.

Larry Flaxman

Larry Flaxman is a bestselling author, paranormal investigator, public speaker, scientific researcher and screenwriter. He is the author of such popular books as *11:11-The Time Prompt Phenomenon: The Meaning Behind Mysterious Signs, Sequences and Synchronicities*, *The Resonance Key: Exploring the Links Between Vibration, Consciousness and the Zero Point Grid*, and *The Déjà vu Enigma: A Journey Through the Anomalies of Mind, Memory and Time*.

Chris Fleming

Since childhood Chris has been having amazing and revealing experiences with the supernatural and paranormal. This gave Chris the drive and determination to investigate haunted homes, hold seances, and use electronic equipment to converse and validate these experiences. In the 90s Chris published a paranormal magazine called *Unknown Magazine* that allowed him to share information with some of the top researchers and experts in the field of the paranormal. Chris was most recently featured in episodes of A&E's *Psychic Kids* and the live show for the *Ghost Adventurers*.

Tom Fleming

In 1990, Tom Fleming landed his first full-time position as an artist/designer for the World Wrestling Federation (now WWE). After three and a half years he was commissioned by DC and Marvel Comics to illustrate characters such as *Superman*, *Batman*, *Spiderman*, *The Incredible Hulk*, and *The X-Men*, along with fantastic fantasy characters for *Magic the Gathering* and *World of Warcraft*. In 2000, Tom landed a job as the official illustrator for *The Dangerous Lives of Altar Boys*. Since then, Tom has worked on movies and TV shows such as *Stateside*, *Stay Alive*, *Surface*, *Private Valentine*, and *Life*. Tom has been featured in *Spectrum: the Art of the Fantastic* and has won numerous awards in fantasy art, including three nominations for the prestigous Chesley Award.

Eric Flint

Eric Flint's writing career began with the novel *Mother of Demons*, which was selected by Science Fiction Chronicle as one of the best novels of 1997. With David Drake, he has collaborated on the six novels in the Belisarius series (*An Oblique Approach*, *In the Heart of Darkness*, *Destiny's Shield*, *Fortune's Stroke*, *The Tide of Victory*, and *The Dance of Time*), as well as a novel entitled The Tyrant. His alternate history novel 1632 was published in 2000, followed by many sequels, several of which made the *New York Times* extended bestselling list. Other works include the Joe's World comic fantasy novel series, the alternate history volumes *1812: The Rivers of War* and *1824: The Arkansas War*, and a major fantasy series with Mercedes Lackey and Dave Freer with two novels released, *The Shadow of the Lion* and *This Rough Magic*.

John L. Flynn

John L. Flynn, Ph.D., is the author of thirteenral dozen articles and short stories. He is a member of the Science Fiction Writers of America, and has been nominated for three Hugo Awards, which is the award given for excellence in the field of science fiction writing. His books include *Future Threads*, *Cinematic Vampires*, *The Films of Arnold Schwarzenegger*, *Phantoms of the Opera*, *Dissecting Aliens*, *Visions in Light and Shadow*, *The Jovian Dilemma*, *Future Prime* (with Bob Blackwood), *75 Years of Universal Monsters*, *50 Years of Hammer Horror*, *101 Superheroes of the Silver Screen*, and *2001: Beyond the Infinite*.

Eugie Foster

Eugie Foster received the 2009 Nebula Award for Best Novelette, is currently a finalist for the 2010 Hugo Award, and was named the 2009 Author of the Year by Bards and Sages. Her fiction has also received the 2002 Phobos Award and BSFA awards. Her publication credits include stories in *Realms of Fantasy*, *Interzone*, *Cricket*, *Fantasy Magazine*, Orson Scott Card's *InterGalactic Medicine Show*, and *Apex Magazine*; podcasts *Escape Pod*, *Pseudopod*, and *PodCastle*; and anthologies *Best New Fantasy* (Prime), *The Dragon and the Stars* (DAW), and *Best New Romantic Fantasy 2* (Juno). Eugie's short story collection, *Returning My Sister's Face and Other Far Eastern Tales of Whimsy and Malice*, is available from Norilana Books. At Dragon*Con, you can see her wearing her editor's hat as she helms the *Daily Dragon*.

Chandra Free

Chandra Free is writer and illustrator of *The God Machine*, from publisher Archaia. Intensely interested in the incorporation of psychology into her art, she focuses on the subconscious and human aspects of her characters. In addition to her comic *The God Machine*, she has worked on the comic *Sullengrey* (published by Ape Entertainment), as a digital painter for Issues 5 and 6 and parts of the *Sullengrey* graphic novel titled *Cemetery Things*. When not chained to her desk, she can be seen out and about at soirees, dancing to industrial clanging, Goth chanting, and Moz-like croonings.

Friggatriskaidekaphobia Treatment Nurse

Margaret founded the Freethought Society (FS) and the Anti-Discrimination Support Network (ADSN) in 1993. In 1994 Margaret founded the Thomas Paine Memorial Committee. As a free-lance journalist and public speaker Margaret Downey pursues stories of discrimination, choice in dying, humanitarian lifestyles, living as a Secularist, atheism and family planning. Her articles concentrate on activist issues, political and religious satire, separation of church and state, and the advancement of freethought. She has been published in two books, *Parenting Beyond Belief* and *50 Voices of Disbelief*.

Diana Gabaldon

Diana Gabaldon has been described by *Salon Magazine* as "the smartest historical sci-fi adventure-romance story ever written by a science Ph.D. with a background in scripting 'Scrooge McDuck' comics." The adventure began in 1991 with the classic *Outlander*, continued through five more *New York Times* bestselling novels—*Dragonfly in Amber*, *Voyager*, *Drums of Autumn*, the *Fiery Cross*, and *A Breath of Snow and Ashes*—and a nonfiction companion volume, *The Outlandish Companion*, and written two historical mysteries, *Lord John and the Private Matter*, and *Lord John and the Brotherhood of the Blade*, as well as several novellas featuring *Lord John Grey*.

Richard Garriott

Over his career as a computer game designer Richard Garriott has been honored with numerous awards including Entrepreneur of the Year from Inc. magazine and *Computer Gaming World's* 15 Most Influential Industry Players. He was awarded with two industry honors for his work in the games business; selection into The Academy of Interactive Arts and Sciences Hall of Fame and the Lifetime Achievement Award at the Game Developers Choice Awards. His lifetime has been filled with adventure and success in nearly every corner of the Earth and beyond. In October of 2008, Richard realized a lifelong dream to travel to space when he launched aboard the Russian Soyuz TMA-13 spacecraft to the International Space Station. In early 2009, Richard, born in the United Kingdom, was awarded a Sir Arthur C. Clarke award for individual achievement.

Andrew E. C. Gaska

Andrew E. C. Gaska is an author, digital artist, and art director. For the past decade he has served as a freelance consultant for Rockstar Games on such hit titles as *Grand Theft Auto*, *Red Dead Redemption*, the *Midnight Club* series, and all other major releases. He is the founder and creative director of BLAM! Ventures, a guerrilla design studio that produces print and digital media for the comic book and science fiction industry. Drew's science fiction comic epic, *Critical Millennium* is published by Archaia Entertainment and has been released to critical acclaim. He is currently writing and directing a *Space: 1999* revival graphic novel and digital media series—continuing the legacy the show started thirty five years ago—as well as working on his *BLAM! Comics Anthology Graphic Album* series. His first novel, *Conspiracy of the Planet of the Apes* is slated for a 2011 release.

Chris Gauthier

Chris currently has a recurring role on the SyFy Channel series *Eureka*, as Café Diem owner "Vincent." Whilst filming the final ten episodes of season three of *Eureka*, Chris also filmed the CBS Mystery Event *Harper's Island* in which he appears as "Malcolm Ross," and in *Freddy vs. Jason* as "Shack."

Dr. Pamela L. Gay

Dr. Pamela L. Gay is perhaps best known for her work on the *Astronomy Cast* and *Slacker Astronomy* podcasts. In addition to her podcasting, Pamela also communicates astronomy to the public through her blog *Star Stryder*. Writing about astronomy and academia one sidereal day at a time, Pamela communicates not just the facts but also the context of what we are learning about our cosmos. Her writing has also appeared in *Lightspeed Magazine*, *Astronomy* magazine, and *Sky and Telescope* magazine. She also gives frequent invited public talks around the United States.

Marley Gibson

Marley Gibson is the author of the hit young adult paranormal series, *Ghost Huntress*, from Houghton Mifflin Harcourt. She has been a lifelong paranormal enthusiast and started conducting paranormal investigations in August 2007 as research for her *Ghost Huntress* teen fiction series. She was featured on the premiere episode of the Biography Channel's *My Ghost Story*, as well as being interviewed by *CNN.com* for a Halloween feature on ghost hunting. Gibson is also the co-author of the wildly successful *Christmas Miracles*, written with *New York Times* bestseller, Cecil Murphey. The sequel, *Christmas Spirit* will be published in the Fall of 2011.

David Macinnis Gill

David Macinnis Gill is an associate professor of English education at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington, specializing in young adult literature. He is a past president of ALAN, the Assembly on Literature for Adolescents of NCTE. *Black Hole Sun*, his second novel, was a 2010 SLJ Best Book. His first, *Soul Enchilada*, was an ALA Best Book for Young Adults in 2010, a Kirkus Best Book in 2009, a Bank Street College Best Books of the Year selection in 2010, and an NYPL Stuff for the Teen Age selection in 2010.

Laura Anne Gilman

Laura Anne Gilman is the author of the *Cosa Nostradamus* books for Luna (the *Retrievers* and *Paranormal Scene Investigations* series), a YA trilogy for HarperCollins, and the forthcoming *Vineart War* novels from Pocket (10/09), while her short fiction has appeared in major anthologies and magazines, including *Unusual Suspects* and *Apex & Abyss*. Her first short story collection, *Dragon Virus & Other Stories* was published in 2010.

Patrick Gilmore

Actor Patrick Gilmore is best known for playing "Dr. Dale Volker" on the hit SyFy series *SGU Stargate Universe*. He is also known as "Trenman" in the hit SyFy Steampunk webseries *Riese: Kingdom Falling*. Later this year, you will be able to enjoy the lighter side of Patrick when he stars in *Sunflower How*, an indie mocumentary about the underbelly of puppeteering. Patrick has a supporting role in the horror thriller, Joss Whedon's *Cabin in the Woods*.

Stephanie Gladden

Stephanie graduated from Atlanta College of Art in 1991 and began working in the Atlanta animation scene. She started her comics career in 1993, and was soon drawing a wide variety of licensed characters in *Looney Tunes* at DC Comics, *Ren & Stimpy* at Marvel, *Wolf & Red at Dark Horse*, *The Simpsons* at Bongo, and a lot of other titles. In 1998 she wrote and drew her own comic, *Hopster's Tracks*, at Bongo Comics. She worked as a character artist at Cartoon Network for ten years, drawing the *Powerpuff Girls*, *Billy & Mandy*, *Chowder*, and Foster's *Home for Imaginary Friends*. She took time out to draw a lot of comics such as Jim Ottavini's *Dignifying Science*, Peter Bagge's *Sweatshop*, and Paul Dini's *Jingle Belle*. Currently, Stephanie is working on a series of *Tom & Jerry* books and promoting her most recent creation, *Girls of Monster Paradise*.

Steve Gonsalves

Steve Gonsalves has been on the paranormal television circuit for close to five years on the wildly popular sci-fi hit show *Ghost Hunters*. Steve has also been showcased on many other television shows as well as all major media outlets. Steve has been investigating the paranormal for over fifteen years, and he is one of the founders of the *TAPS Paramagazine*. The *TAPS Paramagazine* is the country's premiere paranormal publication. Steve is currently the lead investigator and trainer on Syfy's *Ghost Hunters Academy*.

Michael Gordon

Michael Gordon is currently the president of New Legend Productions. Along with his partner, William Kielhorn, he created a web site dedicated to promoting comic books and related projects, *ComicBookTrailers.com*. Michael's first published written work was *The Untold Origins of Invisible Scarlet O'Neil* and he is currently working with Russ Stamm on a new graphic novel featuring the classic character. His new comic project, *Tiki Zombie*, will be unleashed to the world in early 2011. Michael is also a co-host of the *Earth Station One* weekly podcast.

Dr. Stephen Granade

Dr. Stephen Granade is a senior scientist who is an expert in quantum mechanics and ultra-precise space-based sensors. He was part of the team that developed a video-based sensor to measure the Hubble Space Telescope's location and orientation. His teaching and lecturing career has focused on making science understandable and relevant to non-scientists. He has provided scientific commentary for CBS *Marketwatch* and *The Insider Academia*.

Erin Gray

It's next to impossible to recall *Buck Rogers* in the 25th Century without visualizing the show's aesthetic spark—beautiful brunette, Erin Gray. As "Colonel Wilma Deering," she was the memorable "it" girl for the show's male viewers and an inspiring role model for young women. On *Silver Spoons*, Erin was the American public's image of the ideal woman. Her "Kate" managed to have it all: marriage, family, and business career. For over two decades, Erin has performed in over a dozen feature films, including *Six Pack*, with Kenny Rogers, and *Friday the 13th: Jason Goes to Hell*.

Erin travels extensively, teaching seminars and giving motivational speeches. Over the years, she has embraced Eastern philosophy, a mindset that has righted many wrongs in her life, and she shares this calming healing energy with her friends and tai chi students.

Kevin Robert Grazier

Dr. Kevin R. Grazier is currently the Science Advisor for the series *Battlestar Galactica*, *Eureka*, and *Virtuality* as well as the animated series *The Zula Patrol*. He co-authored the book *Science of Battlestar Galactica* and served as author/editor for two books in the BenBella SmartPop series: *The Science of Dune* and *The Science of Michael Crichton*. Kevin has been featured in several documentaries, he co-hosted the premier episode of Discovery Channel's *Science Live! Kid's Edition*, and co-anchored CNN's coverage of Cassini's Saturn orbit insertion with Miles O'Brien.

Brian Green

Brian Green, often known by the online pseudonym of 'Psychochild', is an experienced online game developer. In his six years of hobbyist and ten years of professional game development, he has done programming, designing, writing, and administrating. He started his professional career in 1998 working on the classic PvP online RPG, *Meridian 59*. He then left to work on "The Palace", a noted graphical chat product, a bit before 3DO finally shut down the US version of *Meridian 59* in August of 2000. He later co-founded Near Death Studios, Inc. In late 2001, the company had the opportunity to purchase *Meridian 59* and work on it again. In May of 2002 *Meridian 59* was re-launched by his studio, much to the delight of the game's fans. Brian was co-editor on the book *Business & Legal Primer for Game Development*, published by Charles River Media.

Matt Green

Matt Green has been a working professional in the Atlanta film business for over twenty-four years as both a special effects coordinator on over 30 films as well as preparing to direct his seventh feature film, The Barrow, in Kentucky. He has also taught animatronics for three years at the Tom Savini school of Makeup FX.

Sanford Greene

Sanford Greene has worked in comics and animation for several years. His projects list includes cover artist for *Batman Strikes*, *The Legion of Superheroes* (comic based on the hit animated series), *Army of Darkness*, *Star Wars Tales*, and *The Ride*. He also did comic cover art for *Sonic and Killer 7* the comic based on the hit video game. He has also done work for *Play Magazine*, Hasbro, Nickelodeon, Upper Deck, and Sega. His most recent work can be seen in the pages of the successful new mini series *Wonder Girl* and the successful graphic novel *Method Man*. He is at the moment at Marvel comics working on *Marvel Adventures Spider-Man*. Look for his arc on this title on #49–#52, a *Hulk* team up special and a *Deadpool* special.

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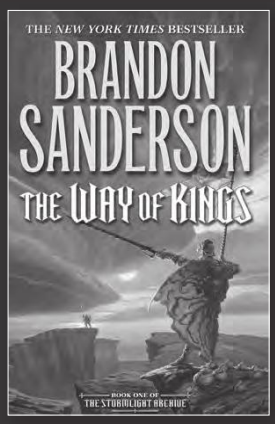

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Mike Grell

Mike Grell's work includes *The Warlord* for DC Comics, *Starslayer* for Pacific/First Comics, *Jon Sable, Freelance* for First Comics/IDW/Comicmix/ABC TV, Shaman's Tears for Image Comics, *Bar Sinister* for Acclaim Comics and *Maggie the Cat* for Image Comics. Current projects include: *The Warlord*, a return to his first comic creation, writing and painting covers for a new series celebrating the 35th anniversary of DC Comics #1 fantasy adventure; *The Pilgrim*, currently being published by IDW, a collaboration with his good friend Mark Ryan, the noted British stage and television actor who currently provides the voice for Bumblee and Jetfire in the *Transformers* movies and video games.

Joel Gretsch

Joel Gretsch began his television career in the 90s and has appearing in episdes of *Married... with Children, JAG, Silk Stalkings, CSI: Miami, Burn Notice*, and *NCIS*. He is best known for his roles as "Tom Baldwin" on *The 4400*, "Colonel Owen Crawford" in sci-fi miniseries *Taken*, and "Father Jack Landry" on *V*. Most recently he guest starred on the Emmy nominated comedy-drama *The United States of Tara*.

D. J. Grothe

D.J. Grothe is President of the James Randi Educational Foundation. He has lectured widely on topics at the intersection of education, science and belief at universities such as Stanford, Harvard, Yale, UCLA, UC Berkeley, and dozens of others. Formerly a professional magician, he has special interests in the psychology of belief and processes of deception and self-deception. He hosts the radio show and podcast For Good Reason, prior to which he hosted over 200 episodes of the popular interview program *Point of Inquiry*, which he and his partner Thomas Donnelly created in 2005.

Rosemary Ellen Guiley

Rosemary Ellen Guiley is one of leading experts on the paranormal and supernatural. She has written more than forty books and hundreds of articles on ghosts, hauntings, vampires, werewolves, angels, demons, and other paranormal topics. She possesses an exceptional and broad knowledge of the field.

Her popular encyclopedias on ghosts and spirits, angels, vampires and werewolves, magic and alchemy, witchcraft, demons, dreams, mystical and paranormal experience and saints are considered essential sources for authors, researchers, film and documentary producers, and paranormal investigators. She conducts original field investigations of haunted and mysterious sites and works with leading developers and inventors of spirit communications devices. She is co-authoring a book on spirit communications with Noory, scheduled for hardcover publication in 2010 by Tor Books.

Dean Haglund

Canadian actor Dean Haglund is best known for his role as "Richard 'Ringo' Langly," one of the Lone Gunmen on *The X-Files*. In addition to *The X-Files*, he played the voice of "Sid" in *Tom Sawyer*, and portrayed "Langly" in the spin-off *The Lone Gunmen*. He is also a stand-up comedian, specializing in improvisational comedy. Currently he hosts the Chillpak Hollywood Hour podcast, where he discusses all things Hollywood with independent filmmaker Phil Leirness.

Laurell K. Hamilton

Laurell K. Hamilton's writing is characterized by vivid prose, erotic sensuality, complex characters, and detailed world building. She is a regular on the *New York Times* bestseller list through titles in her two series *Anita Blake: Vampire Hunter* and *Meredith Gentry: Fairy Princess/Private Eye*.

The Anita Blake: Vampire Hunter series, published by Penguin Group under the Berkley Books imprint, spans sixteen novels, including recently released *Blood Noir*.

Marvel Comics has worked closely with Hamilton to adapt her books in the *Anita Blake* series into comic book medium with a stunning amount of success. The first installment of the graphic novel, *Guilty Pleasures*, was the number one best selling graphic novel for that month. The medium also allowed Hamilton—writing for the first time with her husband, Jonathon Green—to give Anita fans the prequel they have been clamoring for in the form of a special two-issue limited series entitled *First Death*.

The latest Anita Blake novel, *Hit List* (June 2011), already on the bestseller list, has been acclaimed as a return to Anita Blake's roots as an action packed murder mystery.

Doc Hammer

Doc Hammer is a multi-disciplinary artist, most notable as co-writer, editor, and voice actor (Doctor Girlfriend, Henchman #21 and Master Billy Quizboy) for the animated television series *The Venture Bros.* He has appeared in films such as Lisa Hammer's *Not Farewell*, *Sweet Flesh*, *Pus$bucket*, Ben Edlund's *Crawley*, and his own film *Rub*. One portrait, of Liz Vassey who played Captain Liberty from the live-action incarnation of *The Tick*, can be seen in the background of the *Venture Bros.* episode "Return to Spider-Skull Island".

Cully Hamner

Cully Hamner is these days mainly known for drawing DC Comics' latest *Blue Beetle* series, and as the co-creator, with Warren Ellis, of *RED*, now in development as a feature film from Summit Entertainment. In 2006, he re-teamed with Ellis on the well-regarded Down for Top Cow. Most recently, he has been working with DC co-publisher Jim Lee and VP-Art Direction and Design Mark Chiarello in the redesign and launch of dozens of DC Comics' universe of characters..

Bo Hampton

Bo Hampton's painted graphic novels for painted graphic novels *Batman: Castle of the Bat* and *Legend of Sleepy Hollow* are two of his best known books. *Viking Glory* was nominated for both Harvey and Eisner awards in 1991. His recent works included *Sight Unseen* and *Demons of Sherwood*. *Riven* is Hampton's current project and is a werewolf story co-written with Robert Tinnell. It will be Bo's first Dark Horse book and the tentative release date is December, 2011.

Charlaine Harris

Mystery and urban fantasy author, Charlaine Harris is the *New York Times* bestseller whose *Southern Vampire/Sookie Stackhouse* series has been turned into the award winning *True Blood*. In October 2010, it was announced that her mystery series, Harper Connelly, will be adapted into a new mystery series called *Grave Sight*. *The Sookie Stackhouse Companion* will be released in August 2011.

Nicole Harsch

Nicole Harsch and Mike Sakuta are the Crossed Swords. Nicole is a co-author of the *Dragonlance* sourcebook, *Knightly Orders of Ansalon*, and creator of twenty-eight illustrations therein. Nicole wrote two stories and eleven pieces of music (including a four-part string quartet) published in *The History of the Dragonlance*, *More Leaves from the Inn of the Last Home*, and *Lost Leaves*. Nicole has drawn over seventy-five spacescapes for collectible card games such as *Galactic Empires*, *Star of the Guardians*, and *Wing Commander*. Most recently, Nicole wrote lyrics for three songs for the *Dragonlance* animated film.

A. J. Hartley

A. J. Hartley is the *New York Times* and *USA Today* bestselling author of the *Hawthorne Saga*. Hartley is also the author of the mystery/thrillers *The Mask of Atreus*, *On the Fifth Day*, and *What Time Devours*. All of these center on issues of history, archaeology, and culture, the last drawing expressly on his experience as UNC Charlotte's Distinguished Professor of Shakespeare. Hartley is a director and a prominent critic who has authored many articles and books on Renaissance drama, and is the editor of the academic journal, *Shakespeare Bulletin*.

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Richard Hatch

Internationally known actor writer, producer, and Golden Globe nominee Richard Hatch "classic and re-imagined *Battlestar Galactica*, *Streets of San Francisco*, and *All My Children*" has had a career spanning four decades.

Among his many accomplishments, he starred as Jan Berry in the cult classic *Dead Mans Curve*, *Charlin Chan and the Curse of The Dragon Queen*. He co-authored eight *Battlestar Galactica* novels, comic, and most recently *So Say We All*, and a forthcoming *Battlestar Galactica* manga for Tokyopop focusing on his character Tom Zarek in the new BG series currently playing on the SyFy channel. Most recently, Richard just completed the film *Season of Darkness* and is currently filming a new reality show entitled *Who the Frack is the Real Richard Hatch*. Between acting, writing, and directing, Richard teaches and lectures all over the country on acting, film-making, and "Taking Your Career To The Next Level."

Gary Kim Hayes

Gary Kim Hayes has been a Navy flyer, a keyboard player for several not-so-famous local rock bands, a classically trained concert pianist, a stand-up comedian, magician, and photographer, and at present, he makes his living as a senior master instructor in Taekwondo and other martial arts. He is a multi-award winner for his short fiction—an example of his work may be found in Tales of the Dark River, an audio production of Atlanta Radio Theater. His radio play, *Biting A Fat Man's Neck*, was produced by Horror House and has aired annually during Halloween. The play is now available as part of a multi-CD set by Audio Realms. At present, he is polishing the final draft of his fantasy novel, *Sleag's Quest*.

Kyle Hebert

Kyle Hebert is a voice actor and podcaster best known for his roles as "Adult Gohan" and the "Narrator" in the FUNimation English dub of the Japanese Anime *Dragon Ball Z*. His current list of recurring roles includes "Kiba Inuzuka" on Naruto, "Sosuke Aizen" and "Ganju Shiba" in Bleach, and "Kamina" in *Gurren Lagann*. He is also the voice of "Ryu" in *Street Fighter IV* and *Super Street Fighter IV*.

Tricia Helfer

Tricia Helfer is a Canadian actress and former model who has appeared in ad campaigns for high end designers such as Ralph Lauren, Versace, and Givenchy. She has also graced the covers of *Flare*, *ELLE*, *Cosmopolitan*, *Marie Claire*, and *Vogue* to name a few.

In 2002, Helfer retired from fashion modeling and moved to Los Angeles where she quickly landed a number of roles including guest starring in the second season finale of the hit series *C.S.I.: Crime Scene Investigation*. In 2003, she landed the role of humanoid Cylon "Number Six" in the critically acclaimed, award-winning SciFi series *Battlestar Galactica*, written and produced by Ronald D. Moore. Helfer was next seen as series regular in the second season of Jerry Bruckheimer's *Dark Blue* opposite Dylan McDermott.

John P. Helfers

John Helfers is an author and editor that has edited more than fifteen short story anthologies for DAW, as well as other publishers in all genres. He has also published more than forty short stories in anthologies such as "If I Were An Evil Overlord", "Time Twisters", and "Places to Be, People to Kill". His media tie-in fiction has appeared in anthologies, game books, and novels for the *Dragonlance*, *Transformers*, *BattleTech*, and *Shadowrun* universes. His most recent non-fiction book, *The Vorkosigan Companion*, co-edited with Lillian Stewart Carl, was nominated for a 2009 Hugo Award.

Lance Henriksen

Lance Henriksen is best known to film and television audiences for his roles in sci-fi, action, and horror films such as *The Terminator*, the *Alien* film franchise, and on television shows such as *Millennium*.

In recent years, he has given his distinctive voice to a number of animated features and video games including the *Mass Effect* series, *Call of Duty: Modern Warfare 2*, and *Star Wars: The Old Republic*.

In March 2010, he won the lead role in Leigh Scott's TV mini-series *The Witches of Oz*.

Diana Tixier Herald

Diana Tixier Herald is the author of several readers' advisory guides including *Genreflecting: A Guide to Reading Interests*, *Teen Genreflecting 3*, and *Fluent in Fantasy*. She co-authored *Fluent in Fantasy: The Next Generation* and *Strictly Science Fiction* with Bonnie Kunzel. She is a regular reviewer of science fiction, fantasy, and paranormal novels for *Booklist*. She is the series editor for Library Unlimited's *Genreflecting Series* of readers' advisory guides and senior editor for Reader's Advisor Online. A frequent presenter at library conferences she has chaired two major pre-conferences about science fiction and fantasy for the Public Library Association and the Young Adult Library Services Association.

Howard Hesseman

Howard Hesseman has been a leading counter-culture figure since the late 1960s. He was a member of the improv group, the Committee. He has been a character actor for many years on different television shows since the 1960s, and took small parts in *The Andy Griffith Show*, *Dragnet 1967*, *Soap*, and *Sanford and Son*. The role that brought him to prominence was Howard Johnson in the cult classic *Billy Jack*. A frequent guest star on *The Bob Newhart Show*, he is best known for playing disc jockey "Johnny Fever" on *WKRP in Cincinnati* and schoolteacher "Charlie Moore" on *Head of the Class*. He was nominated for an Emmy for his portrayal of "Fever." He has had numerous guest appearances on popular television including *That '70s Show*, *Boston Legal*, *Psych*, and *House*.

Virginia Hey

Virginia is best known for her role as the alien priestess Zhaan, which she played for three years on the award-winning television series, *Farscape*. Her acting career began following a successful modeling career, where she was spotted by casting directors and placed in her big screen debut in the film classic, *Mad Max 2: Road Warrior*. In 2000, she was nominated for "Best Supporting Actress" on television by the 26th Annual Saturn Awards of America, and, in 2002, she was nominated for a LOGIE (Australian "Emmy" award) as "Best Actress." Outside of her acting career, she teaches meditation, and is certified in Reiki and natural therapy.

Christopher Heyerdahl

Christopher Heyerdahl is known for his role as Leonid in the *Are You Afraid of the Dark?* episode "The Thirteenth Floor" and as Nosferatu in the episode "Midnight Madness". He played the characters Halling and Wraith commander Todd in *Stargate Atlantis*, and Pallan in the *Stargate SG-1* episode "Revisions". He played H.P. Lovecraft in the movie *Out of Mind* and a punk, new at drug dealing, in *Cadavres*.

He played the part of the demon Alastair in three episodes of Supernatural. He also played the part of Zor-El in the television series *Smallville*, as well as playing John Druitt and Bigfoot in the series *Sanctuary*.

He had a role in the film *New Moon*, an adaptation of Stephenie Meyer's second book in her *Twilight Saga*. In this film, he played a vampire, Marcus, who is part of a powerful Italian family called the Volturi. His character is described as apathetic and appears constantly bored by any situation.

Laura Hickman

Laura Hickman started writing fantasy stories before she could read. Her mother patiently took her dictation until she could write her own. She is the co-creator of *Dragonlance* and the original *Ravenloft* adventure game as well as the coauthor of *The Bronze Canticles* trilogy and numerous games and game supplements with her husband Tracy Hickman. She has been his collaborator on all of his creative endeavors for the past thirty-four years ... including their four children. Currently she is working with Tracy on the *Dragonsbard* series and their *Scribe's Forge Writing Seminars* as well as baking up her own fantasy in the kitchen.

Tracy Hickman

New York Times bestselling fantasy authors Tracy Hickman, with his wife Laura, began their journey across the 'Sea of Possibilities' as the creators of *Dragonlance* and their voyage continues into new areas with the release of Tracy's second novel in his *Drakis* trilogy, his *Fireborn: Embers of Atlantis for Fantasy Flight Games* and his current work on *Wayne of Gotham*, a *Batman* novel for DC Comics. Tracy has over fifty books currently in print in most languages around the world. A record of both Tracy and Laura's DNA currently orbits on the international space station and he is the writer and editor of the first science-fiction movie actually filled in space.

Tracy and his wife Laura have been able to fulfill a long-time dream; they once again are writing together. Their first joint novel, *Mystic Warrior*, was published in 2004 followed by *Mystic Quest*, and *Mystic Empire*.

They also wrote the adventure *Out in the Black* for the Serenity role playing game. Their current project is *Dragon's Bard* where they are writing a fantasy series exclusively for subscribers. They are also personally producing and conducting online writing seminars and workshops in speculative fiction.

Kathryn Hinds

Kathryn Hinds has written more than forty books for young adults about ancient, medieval, and early modern cultures—most recently the four-book series Life in the *Medieval Muslim World*. A six-book series, *Barbarians!*, will be published by Marshall Cavendish Benchmark at the end of this year, and next year will see the publication of another six-book series, *Fantastic Creatures*. Much of Kathryn's work for young people has been focused on social history, with particular interests in belief systems, the lives of everyday people, and the roles of women. In addition to her writing, Kathryn has worked for more than fifteen years as a freelance copy editor of children's and YA books, including numerous works of speculative fiction.

Jordan Hinson

Jordan Hinson is an American actress. She is best known for her role as Zoe Carter on the Syfy series *Eureka*. Growing up as a dedicated gymnast, she began acting in plays at the age of six, which pulled her away from gymnastics. Hinson made her television movie debut in 2005, starring as aspiring professional figure skater Katelin Kingsford in the Disney Channel Original *Movie Go Figure*. She had to learn to ice skate for the film and was trained by Olympic choreographer and two-time Emmy winner Sarah Kawahara. She also starred in a Screen Gems film *The Good Mother* opposite Angie Harmon.

Michael Hogan

Best known as "Colonel Saul Tigh" in the *Battlestar Galactica* and "Billy" in *The Peanut Butter Solution*, Michael Hogan's career has spanned nearly four decades. He has appeared on series such as *Millennium*, *The Outer Limits*, *Cold Squad*, *The L Word*, *Psyche*, *Dollhouse*, *Numb3rs*, *Smallville*, *Monk*, and *Warehouse 13*. Additionally, he has voiced characters for video games including the *Mass Effect* series and *Fallout: New Vegas*.

Bill Holbrook

Bill Holbrook grew up in the Space Age atmosphere of Huntsville, Ala. in the 1960s. Upon graduating from Auburn University in 1980 he was hired by The Atlanta Constitution as an editorial staff artist. After several attempts at syndication, his office strip On the Fastrack was picked up by King Features and debuted in 150 papers on March 19, 1984. In September 1995 he began a new strip called *Kevin & Kell* and sold it exclusively to online clients, which collectively get over 3 million page views a month. It has been featured in fifteen book collections, the latest being *Kevin & Kell: On Strike* which was published by Moonbase Press in 2010. He recently collaborated on the comic book *A Duel in the Somme*, written by Ben Bova and Rob Balder.

Laurie Holden

Heather Laurie Holden is an American-Canadian actress and human rights activist. She got her first break as Rock Hudson's daughter in Ray Bradbury's *The Martian Chronicles* (1980). However, she is best known for her roles as Marita Covarrubias on *The X-Files*, Adele Stanton on *The Majestic*, Cybil Bennett on *Silent Hill*, Amanda Dumfries on *The Mist*, Olivia Murray on *The Shield*, and now as Andrea on *The Walking Dead*.

Nancy L. Holder

New York Times bestselling author Nancy Holder co-authored with Debbie Viguie the bestselling series *Wicked*. They have continued their collaboration with the *Crusade* series and *The Wolf Springs Chronicles*. She is also the author of the young adult horror series *Possessions for Razorbill* and has sold many novels and book projects set in the *Buffy the Vampire Slayer*, *Angel*, *Saving Grace*, *Hellboy*, and *Smallville* universes.

Her most recent works include: *Possessions*; *The Screaming Season*, *Crusade: Damned*, *Unleashed*; *The Wolf Springs Chronicles*, and *Ramping Up for a Decade* with Joss Whedon.

Eva Hopkins

Eva Hopkins is a writer, colorist & artist who lives just outside Washington, D.C. Eva won her first art contest at the age of ten, was voted "Most Artistic" in her high school class & left a day job to take a chance on her dream job of working in comic books back in 1996. Her work & charm have won her fans around the globe. After successfully running a small company with Dawn creator/artist Joe Linsner for many years, Eva has decided to focus more on her own work, her love of independent comics & a follow-up to her 2006 sellout hit *Fear of Flight*.

Kristina Leigh Howard

Kristina Leigh Howard is a costume designer and costume technician with a BA in Theatre. She specializes in costume history and period costume construction. She has worked for the Colorado Shakespeare Festival and the Virginia Shakespeare Festival. Last year, she studied abroad in Bulgaria and Greece for her design for UAB Theatre's production of Eurydice by Sarah Ruhl. She also designed Theatre UAB's production of The Rivals, which she placed as a finalist at KCACTF Southeastern region.

George Hrab

Multi-instrumentalist, singer, songwriter, producer, composer, and heliocentrist George Hrab has written and produced six independent CDs; published one book; recorded hundreds of episodes of an award-winning podcast; and even performed for President Clinton all in a personal quest to improve his audience's cognitive skills by reaching them through their funny bones and dance shoes.

George has gained international notoriety by producing an award-winning weekly show called *The Geologic Podcast* which features humor, sketches, and skeptical/free-thinking commentary through various segments.

Matt Hughes

With obvious influences from the Romantics to the Pre-Raphaelites to the Fin de Siecles, Matt Hughes' ethereal visions deliver a novel approach that is pioneering a new movement that is best defined as Gothic Art Nouveau. By blending the romantic aesthetic beauty of Art Nouveau with the beautiful dark concepts of Gothic art, he invites the viewer to not only interact with other worldly realms but delve into self-reflection and introspection.

His elaborate poses of striking woman draped in extravagant textiles and patterns appear to blend seamlessly with the abstract surroundings, resulting in a refreshingly new interpretation of Art Nouveau.

Faith Hunter

Faith Hunter writes dark urban fantasy: *Skinwalker* series, featuring Jane Yellowrock with *Skinwalker*, *Blood Cross*, and *Mercy Blade*, and *Raven Cursed* in 2012. Her *Rogue Mage* novels, a dark, urban fantasy series *Bloodring*, *Seraphs*, and *Host* feature Thorn St. Croix, a stone mage in a post-apocalyptic, alternate reality. Under the pen name Gwen Hunter, she is a winner of the WH Smith Literary Award for Fresh Talent in 1995, and won a Romantic Times Reviewers Choice Award in 2008. Along with eight other writers, *Faith* is a weekly participant in *MagicalWords*, a writing forum geared to helping writers of fantasy and other genres.

Sam Huntington

Sam Huntington began his career in the entertainment industry as an actor on stage, at the prestigious Peterborough Players in his native, New Hampshire, where he performed over four seasons in such roles as "Jem" in *To Kill a Mockingbird*, opposite James Rebhorn. In 2006 Sam starred as Daily Planet cub reporter "Jimmy Olsen" in Bryan Singer's long-awaited take on the *Man of Steel*, *Superman Returns*. Additionally, Sam has made several memorable television guest appearances including *Law and Order*, *CSI: Miami*, *CSI: New York*, and *Veronica Mars*. You can now watch Sam every Monday night on the SyFy channel's new, critically acclaimed hit series, *Being Human* where he plays werewolf/tortured soul "Josh."

Richard Jakiel

For nearly twenty years, Richard has been known in the astronomical community as an advanced observer, writer, and more recently, as an imager. Dozens of his articles have appeared in mainstream astronomy and professional publications over the years. In 2006, he co-authored *Galaxies: How to Observe Them*, and he is currently working on several related projects. Richard has a master's degree in geochemistry. For the past fifteen years, he has been a research scientist for the State of Georgia's Environmental Protection Division. He runs a small observatory about thirty-five miles west of Atlanta where he images the solar system and deep-sky objects.

Georges Jeanty

Georges Jeanty has been in a whirlwind of work this year, stretching from *Hellmouth to Hellmouth*. His continuing work on the critically acclaimed, award-winning *Buffy the Vampire Slayer* series for Dark Horse Comics has kept this fan favorite artist quite busy. Most of the year has been devoted to drawing the adventures of everyone's favorite *Slayer*. The series continues to receive critical acclaim and has won numerous awards, such as best new ongoing series as well as securing a position on the *New York Times* hot one hundred books for the collected trade paperback *Buffy the Vampire Slayer: No Fate for You*. Earlier this year, Dark Horse Comics officially announced that he will return as a regular artist for *Buffy the Vampire Slayer: Season Nine*.

Van Jensen

Van Jensen is the author of *Pinocchio, Vampire Slayer* and its sequel, *Pinocchio, Vampire Slayer and the Great Puppet Theater*. The first book was named among the Top Ten Graphic Novels for Teens by YALSA, and Mark Waid called it "the best thing I've read all year." Currently, Van is developing a series based on Snow White, to be published by SLG. Previously, Van covered the comics industry for *Publishers Weekly* and other outlets. Before that, he was a crime reporter at the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette newspaper, often working in the wrong part of town at the wrong time of night. It was at the *Democrat-Gazette* that he met *Pinocchio, Vampire Slayer* artist Dusty Higgins, leading to their collaboration. As an award-winning freelance journalist, Van has contributed to dozens of outlets including *Atlanta* magazine and *Sojourners*.

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Bill "Splat" Johnson

Bill "Splat" Johnson has been working on films since the late 1970's. He started out working on elaborate home movies and student projects, but eventually worked his way into bigger things. His first break came in 1987, when he got the make up effects job on *Sleepaway Camp 2* and *3*. Since then his work can be seen in projects like: *Hoodlum, In Dreams, The Stand, October Sky, The Patriot, Eight Legged Freaks, Dumb and Dumberer, Zombieland, The Crazies, Ben 10 Alien Swarm, Halloween 2, The Book of Eli*, and *Past Life*. Bill is about to start working with KNB Effects group on *The Walking Dead*.

Les Johnson

Les Johnson is the deputy manager for NASA's Advanced Concepts Office at the Marshall Space Flight Center. He is also the co-investigator on a Japanese space experiment. During his career at NASA, he served as the manager for the Space Science Programs and Projects Office, the In-Space Propulsion Technology Program, and the Interstellar Propulsion Research Project. He is an author of two popular science books, *Living Off the Land in Space* and *Solar Sailing: A Novel Approach to Interplanetary Travel*. Les was the technical consultant for the movie, *Lost in Space*.

Zack "Jick" Johnson

Zack "Jick" Johnson created a web-based multiplayer role-playing game he called *The Kingdom of Loathing*, under the masthead of a made-up company he dubbed Asymmetric Publications. Relying on his wry wit, his perfectly adequate programming skills, his sub-par systems administration abilities, and his laughable lack of artistic vision, he managed to turn KoL into an indie institution.

Stacia Kane

Stacia Kane's debut urban fantasy novel, Personal Demons, started off the Megan Chase series and was chosen by Barnes & Noble's *Paul Goat Allen* as one of the best paranormal releases of 2008. Her new Chess Putnam series is a cross between *Ghostbusters* and *Escape From New York*, with an awesome punk rock soundtrack, black magic, greasers, drugs, human sacrifices, and a black 1969 Chevelle.

Tom Kane

With over twenty five years' experience, mostly in animation, Tom Kane is best known for his role as "Jedi Master Yoda" and "Admiral Yularen" in *Star Wars: The Clone Wars*. Other notable voices include "The Chancellor" in 9, "Magneto" in *Wolverine and the X-Men*, "Cap'n Heiger" in Grim & Evil, "Professor Utonium" on *The Powerpuff Girls*, "Darwin" in the *Wild Thornberrys*, and "Yoda/Morgan Freeman" in *Robot Chicken*.

Lloyd Kaufman

Lloyd Kaufman is president of independent film studio Troma Entertainment and has written, produced, and/or directed more than thirty films, including *The Toxic Avenger, Tromeo and Juliet, Sgt. Kabukiman NYPD*, and *Poultrygeist: Night of the Chicken Dead*.

Bill Keel

Bill Keel is an astronomer with research interests encompassing the sweep of cosmic evolution. He has been called on to participate in the NASA proposal reviews for the Hubble Space Telescope and the Chandra X-ray Observatory, as well as mission concepts and extensions for astrophysics satellites. His latest research coup has involved the GalaxyZoo public-participation sky survey. Keel's book, *The Sky at Einstein's Feet*, celebrated the penetrating role that the insights of relativity have played in the last century of astronomical discovery. The second revised edition of *The Road to Galaxy Formation* appeared this year, recognizing the pace of progress in our understanding of the history of galaxies; it was just named one of the top academic titles of 2008 by *Choice* magazine. His next major writing effort traces the history of astronomy from space in its political as well as scientific and technological aspects.

Sherrilyn Kenyon

In the past two years, *New York Times* bestselling author Sherrilyn Kenyon has claimed the number one spot twelve times. This extraordinary bestseller continues to top every genre she writes. With more than 23 million copies of her books in print in over 30 countries, her current series include: *The Dark-Hunters, The League, Lords of Avalon, BAD Agency,* and the *Chronicles of Nick.* Since 2004, she has placed over fifty novels on the *New York Times* list. The preeminent voice in paranormal fiction, with more than twenty years of publishing credits, Kenyon not only helped to pioneer, but define the current paranormal trend that has captivated the world.

Karl Kesel

Karl Kesel's career as a comic-book artist and writer has spanned over twenty-five years and most major comic-book companies and characters. As an inker, he worked on John Byrne's Superman, George Perez's *History of the DC Universe,* and Steve Rude's *World's Finest,* along with notable runs on *Legion of Superheroes, Suicide Squad, 'Mazing Man,* and *Amethyst.* More recently he inked Mike Wieringo's *Fantastic Four* and *Spider-Man.* He wrote the story that revealed the Fantastic Four's Ben Grimm was Jewish. He scripted fan-favorite runs on Harley Quinn, Daredevil, and Hawk & Dove. Currently, Karl is writing three different projects starring *Captain America*—the 2010 *Spider-Man Annual,* guest-starring Cap; the 4-issue mini-series *Captain America: Patriot,* and the *Captain America 1940s* newspaper strip, a homage to the classic adventure comic-strips of the 1940s.

Nancy Knight

Nancy Knight is the author of twelve published novels, numerous short stories, seven produced plays and a produced screenplay. Her film *Insanity du Jour* was accepted by the Dragon*Con Independent Film Festival in 2008. She is a partner in BelleBooks Publishing Company, parent company to BelleBridge, a new publisher which publishes fantasy and paranormal novels. She is also a partner in Soundhole Publishing Company, which helps people who want to self-publish. She has taught fiction writing since 1988 in venues across the country.

Thomas W. Knowles

Thomas W. Knowles is a founding partner in the Britton & Knowles Publishing Group and managing editor for its two imprints, Lone Star Publishing and DarkStar Books. The first book in his acclaimed multi-volume history of the *Texas Rangers, They Rode for the Lone Star* (Taylor Publishing, 1998), was chosen by the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum to commemorate the 175th anniversary of the founding of the Rangers by Stephen F. Austin. Subsequent to the appearance of this first volume, he introduced and narrated part of the Discovery Channel documentary, *Texas Rangers, Legendary Lawmen,* which first aired in 2000. He is presently working to complete the series, to relate the history of the Texas Rangers up to the present day, as well as other projects.

Alethea Kontis

New York Times bestselling author and self-proclaimed genre chick Alethea Kontis' first foray into the literary world was a mixed-up picture book—*AlphaOops: The Day Z Went First.* She co-edited the critically acclaimed SF all-star *Elemental: New Stories of Science Fiction and Fantasy* for Tor Books. She also penned the Sherrilyn Kenyon *Dark-Hunter Companion.* Her short stories have appeared in *Realms of Fantasy,* Orson Scott Card's *Intergalactic Medicine Show,* and *The Writer's Eye.* Her "Beauty & Dynamite" essays are featured in *Apex Magazine.* She currently works as a buyer for Ingram Book Company, and a freelance copyeditor.

Mary Robinette Kowal

Mary Robinette Kowal is the 2008 recipient of the John W. Campbell Award for Best New Writer. Her fiction appears in *Asimov's, Cosmos* and *Strange Horizons.* In addition to writing, she is a professional puppeteer and voice actor. She has performed for Jim Henson Productions, Lazytown, and the Center for Puppetry Arts.

Clare Kramer

An accomplished actress, producer and aspiring director, Clare Kramer is best known for her portrayal of "Glory," in the TV series *Buffy the Vampire Slayer*. Her film credits include *The Thirst, The Skulls III, The Rules of Attraction,* and *Bring It On*. Additionally, she has made guest appearances on *Tru Calling, Sabrina, the Teenage Witch,* and *House*.

Bonnie Kunzel

Bonnie Kunzel, now retired, was the youth services consultant for the New Jersey State Library and the Librarian of the Year for the State of New Jersey in 2006. She is a founding member of the Garden State Teen Book Award Committee and was a member of the organizing committee for the annual Youth Services Forum. She is currently serving a fourth term as an ALA Councilor-at-Large and was appointed to the 2005 Printz Award Committee for Excellence in Young Adult Literature.

Gary Kurtz

American film producer, Gary Kurtz has amassed an impressive list of film credits including *American Graffiti, Star Wars, The Empire Strikes Back, The Dark Crystal,* and *Return to Oz*. His newest project, *Panzer 88*, is WWII supernatural action thriller, directed by Peter Biggs, currently due for release in 2012.

Jessica Lackey

Jessica Lackey is a singer, artist, model, stage performer, and dancer best known for her role in the band the Crüxshadows. As a model she has appeared on the cover of nine Crüxshadows CDs, as well as in art, fashion, and clothing media. As a dancer she spent most of her time as a classical ballerina before expanding into more contemporary styles in recent years. She added the dancers to the Crüxshadows and created the now famous Crüxshadows faeries. Additionally, she has taken an active role as the tour manager and creative director responsible for much of the band's live visual elements and costuming. Outside of the band she has directed and starred in her own stage productions.

Mercedes Lackey

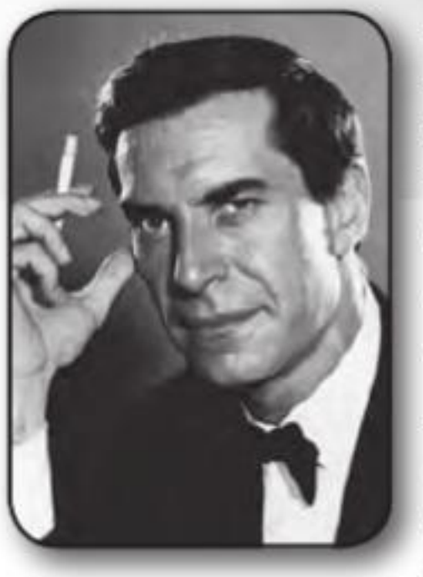
Many of Mercedes Lackey's novels and trilogies are interlinked and set in the world of Velgarth, mostly in and around the country of Valdemar. Her Valdemar novels form a complex tapestry of interaction between human and non-human protagonists with many different cultures and social mores. She has over eighty books in print including *Finding the Way, Intrigues, Much Fall of Blood, The Sleeping Beauty,* and *Trio of Sorcery*.

Her current addiction is role-playing gaming in the online game City of Heroes, with the groups RPCongress and CCCP. From this in collaboration with Dennis Lee, Cody Martin and Veronica Giguere came the Secret World Chronicle podcast stories which are currently nominated for the Parsec award, and the first book of which was published in March of 2011.

Cheralyn Lambeth

Cheralyn Lambeth created Muppet costumes for *Sesame Street Live* and worked with Jim Henson Productions on the TV series *Dinosaurs!* and the film *The Muppet Christmas Carol*. After her time at Henson, Cheralyn worked with Paramount Production Services, creating costumes and props for properties such as *Star Trek: The Experience* at the Las Vegas Hilton. Some of her other credits include work on *The Patriot, The New World, Evan Almighty,* and *Leatherheads*, the National Park Service film *Manassas: End of Innocence*, and the History Channel docudrama *Isaac's Storm*. Her most recent work is on the film *Blood Done Sign My Name* with Rick Schroeder.

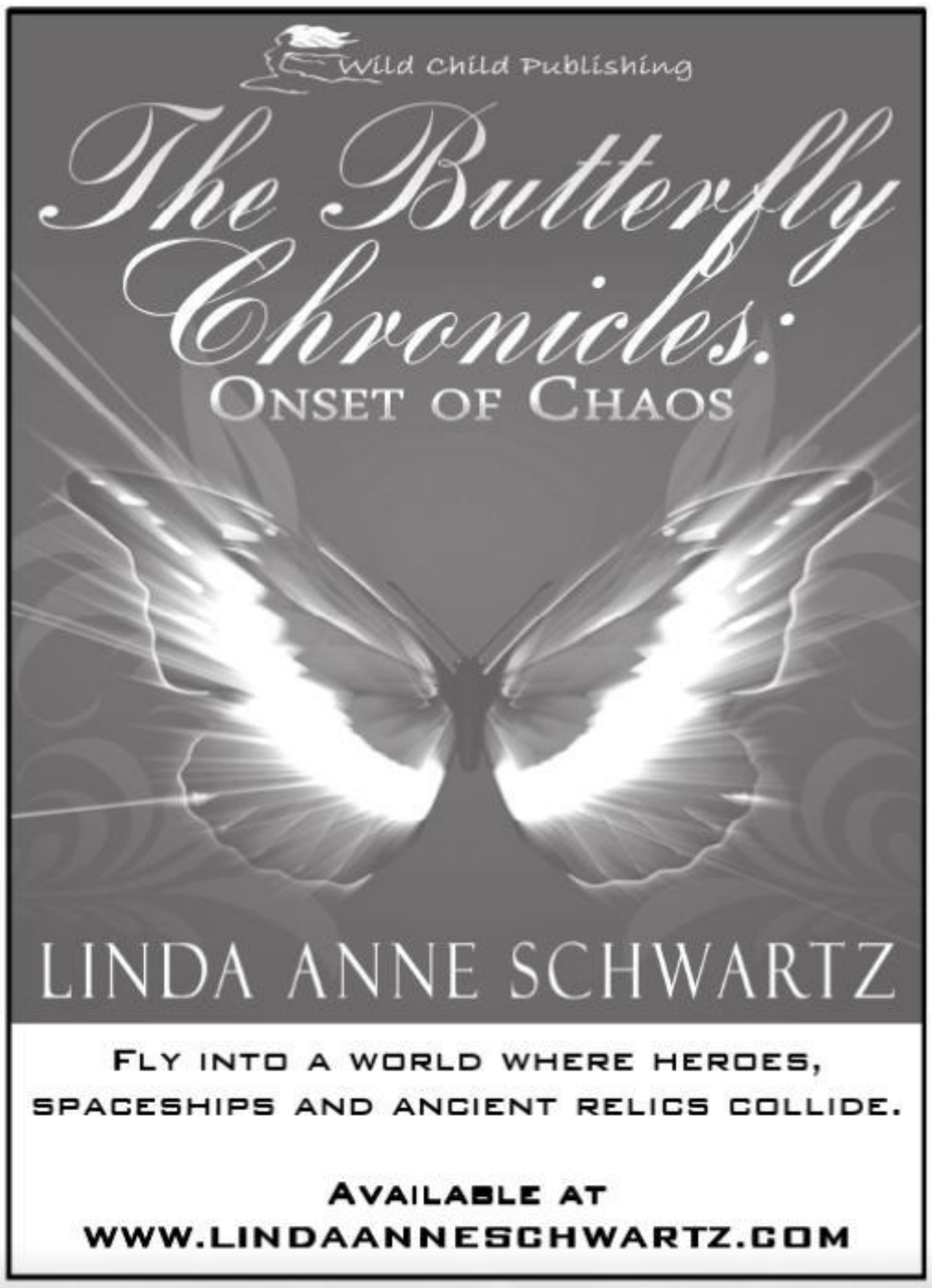
Martin Landau



Multiple award winning actor, Martin Landau is best known for his roles as "Rollin Hand" on the series *Mission: Impossible* and "Commander John Koenig" on *Space: 1999*. Other notable credits include *Tucker: The Man and His Dream*, *Crimes and Misdemeanors*, and the supporting role of "Bela Lugosi" in *Ed Wood*. For his contribution to the motion picture industry, he was honored with a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

Rich Larson

Rich Larson is the pencil artist in the Minneapolis-based fantasy art team Fastner & Larson. His influences include 50s sf and horror movies, 60s Marvel comics and *Mad Magazine*. He was a storyboard artist on *The Right Stuff*, the *MST3K* movie, and Jerry Garcia's *Sirens of Titan* project. Fastner & Larson's spicy, somewhat amusing paintings and drawings have been collected into fifteen volumes, the latest of which are *Beauties & Beasts* and *ZombieSexual*.



Janet Lee

Janet Lee has been working as a commercial artist for the past six years. Self-taught, she developed her layered art style after her son was born because it was portable and dried before a toddler could get his hands into it. After achieving critical acclaim as a gallery artist, Janet made her first foray into illustration with the Twitter serial, *Diary of a Mad Scientist Garden Gnome* by *New York Times* bestselling author Alethea Kontis. Most recently, she along with Jim McCann (Hawkeye & Mockingbird and Widowmaker) co-created the critically acclaimed and award-winning graphic novel *Return of the Dapper Men* (published by Archaia Studios Press). She illustrated the most recent Marvel Comics Jane Austen adaptation, Emma, and is finishing up *Time of the Dapper Men*, next book in the *Dapper Menseries*.

Stan Lee

Stan 'the Man' Lee's influence over comic books is incalculable. His co-creations, *Spider-Man*, *X-Men*, and *Iron Man* have been monster movie hits, helping make Marvel Comics the leader of the comic book industry. Some of Stan's other great co-creations, such as *Hulk*, *Fantastic Four*, and *Daredevil* have sequels on the way, while *Thor*, *Avengers*, and *Silver Surfer*, plus many others, are now in development. President Bush recently presented Stan a Medal of the Arts, lauding his amazing career.

Chairman of Marvel Comics and Marvel Films, he is known to millions as the man whose superheroes propelled Marvel to its preeminent position in the comic book industry. It was in the early '60s that Stan Lee ushered in what has come to be known as "The Marvel Age of Comics," creating major new superheroes while breathing life and style into such old favorites as Captain America, The Human Torch, and The Sub Mariner.

Like all of us, Stan's heroes are plagued with weaknesses and flaws, but they persevere and triumph over evil—always doing what is right—sometimes at great cost to their personal relationships.

Stan is currently developing movie and TV projects with his company "POW! Entertainment" while still proudly cherishing the title Chairman Emeritus of Marvel.

Only a handful of mythmakers achieve immortality—Stan Lee has achieved more.

John Lenahan

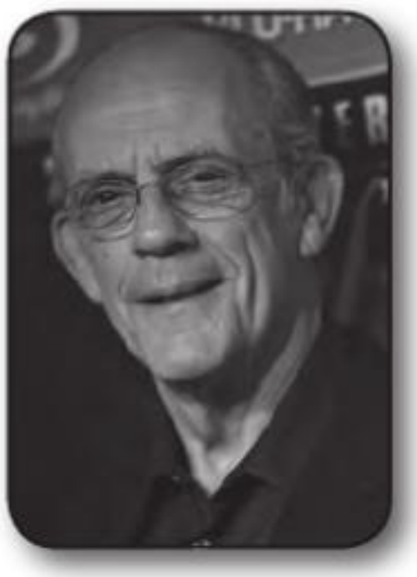
John Lenahan's most recent novel *The Prince of Hazel & Oak* was published this year by Harper Collins UK. John is a regular at UK sci-fi events, mostly for his after dinner stand-up performances but also to talk about being the voice of *The Talking Toaster* on BBC TV's cult sci-fi comedy *Red Dwarf*. As a stalwart of the London Comedy circuit John has the distinction of hosting more shows at London's prestigious Lester Square Comedy Store than any other comedian.

His television credits include: starring in the primetime BBC1 show, *Secrets of Magic*. His own BBC2 magic series, *Stuff The White Rabbit*, achieved record ratings for the slot. Other TV credits include presenting the travelogue *Open Road* with John Lenahan, playing the voice of the toaster in *Red Dwarf*, and guest appearances on everything from *TFI Friday* to *Celebrity Squares*. He also fronted *HoaxBusters*, an ITV network show lifting the lid on scams and hoaxes.

Madison Lintz

Madison Lintz started acting five years ago at age 7 in commercials, industrials, and national spots. Madison comes from a family actors including, her mom, two brothers, and sister all are currently working actors. Madison attends a private Christian school and is going into the 7th grade. Madison loves all animals especially panda bears. In March of 2009 Frank Darrabonte asked Madison to read for the character of Sophia on *The Walking Dead*. When she got the part she was not sure what this experience would be like but now TWD family has made her feel welcome and loved.

Christopher Lloyd



Christopher Lloyd is best known for playing "Doc Brown" in the *Back to the Future* trilogy, "Uncle Fester" in *The Addams Family* films, "Reverend Jim Ignatowski" in Taxi, and "Judge Doom" in *Who Framed Roger Rabbit*. Other film and television credits include *Star Trek III, The Adventures of Buckaroo Banzai, Clue, Numb3rs*, and *Chuck*. Most recently he voiced his character "Doc Brown" in the video game adaptation of *Back to the Future* and appeared in the television series *Fringe*.

Gareth David Lloyd

Welsh actor, Gareth David-Lloyd is best known for his role "Ianto Jones" in the science fiction television series *Torchwood*. In addition to acting, he fronts the progressive metal band Blue Gillespie. In 2010, he appeared as "Dr. John Watson" in the direct-to-DVD film *Sherlock Holmes*. Most recently he starred as "Dr. Robert Cameron" in the science fiction film, *Casimir Effect*, due out in late 2011.

Todd Lockwood

Specializing in fantasy and science fiction illustration and the winner of twelve Chesley Awards, Todd Lockwood is best known for his work on the popular role-playing game *Dungeons & Dragons*, and for his covers R. A. Salvatore's novels. His art has also appeared in books from Tor Books, DAW, and on magazine covers, including *Satellite Orbit*, Asimov's *Science Fiction*, *Analog Science Fiction and Science Fact*, *Realms of Fantasy*, and *Dungeon Magazine*.

Jonathan Maberry

Jonathan Maberry is a multiple Bram Stoker Award-winning author whose novels include *Ghost Road Blues*, *Dead Man's Song*, *Bad Moon Rising*, and *Patient Zero*. Upcoming novels include *The Dragon Factory*, *The King of Plagues*, and *The Wolfman*. *Vampire Hunters and Other Enemies of Evil* was released in 2010. Jonathan is doing freelance writing for Marvel Comics. His first story, *Wolverine: Ghosts* was released in April and *Punisher: Naked Kill* was tentatively scheduled for June. Jonathan is the cocreator (with Laura Schrock) of *On the Slab*, an entertainment news show for ABC Disney/Stage 9.

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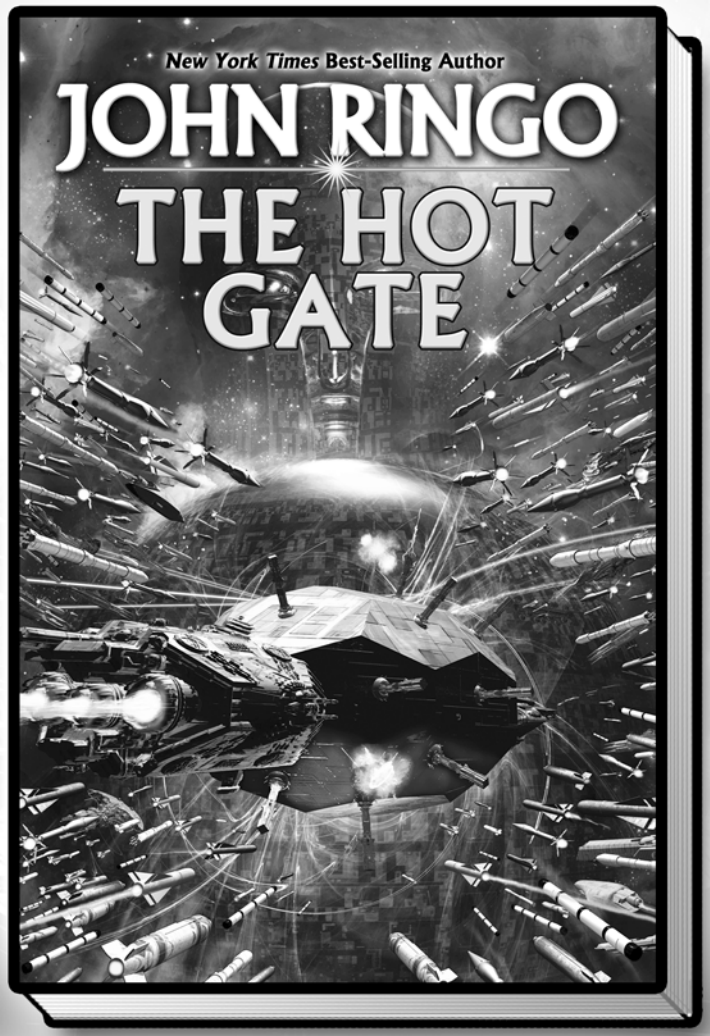

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David Mack

David Mack is the creator, author, and artist of Kabuki published by Image Comics and the writer and artist of Marvel Comics' *Daredevil*. He is listed in *Wizard Magazine*'s Top Ten Writers List. In addition to the writing and cover art for *Daredevil*, and writing and painting the *Kabuki* comic books, he has also written the treatment for the *Kabuki* film which is in preproduction with Fox Animation. Mack has illustrated and designed jazz and rock albums for both American and Japanese labels and worked as a designer for companies in Hong Kong.

Michael Madsen

Perhaps best known for his role as "Vic Vega, a.k.a. Mr. Blonde" in *Reservoir Dogs*, Michael Madsen has starred in central roles in such films as *Free Willy*, *Donnie Brasco*, and *Kill Bill*, in addition to a supporting role in *Sin City*. Voice over credits includes video games such as *Grand Theft Auto III*, *True Crime: Streets of L.A.*, *Yakuza*, and *DRIV3R*. He is expected to reprise his role as "Bob" in *Sin City 2*, due out in 2012.

Don Maitz

Enthusiastic reception and international acclaim have surrounded the imaginative paintings of Don Maitz for thirty years. Maitz created the Captain Morgan Spiced Rum character. He has worked as a conceptual artist on the animated feature films *Jimmy Neutron: Boy Genius* and *Ant Bully*. He has had work represented in *National Geographic* publications, The History Channel, and *Ripley's Believe It or Not*. He has created a wealth of book jackets and magazine art. Don Maitz has received two Hugo awards, a special Hugo for Best Original Artwork, a Howard Award, an Award of Excellence from the Society of Illustrators, the Inkpot Award, and ten Chesley Awards. Don Maitz is an artist member of the American Society of Marine Artists (ASMA). Two now out-of-print art books of his work have been produced, *Dreamquests: The Art of Don Maitz* and *First Maitz*.

Christopher Mancuso

Christopher Mancuso is SCARED!'s resident skeptic. In 2009 Chris had his first paranormal experience at The Grand Midway Hotel in Pennsylvania. Along with Brian, Chris edits their documentary series SCARED!, composes the music and is involved with all levels of its production. In addition, he is a skilled writer, having written many screenplays that have been filmed by local directors. To date Chris has written a dozen feature length screenplays and over twenty short stories and scripts.

Joe Manganiello

Most recently known for his work as the werewolf "Alcide Herveaux" on the television series *True Blood*, Joe Manganiello stared as "Flash Thompson" in the *Spider-Man* film series and had recurring roles on *How I Met Your Mother* and *One Tree Hill*. His guest appearances have included *Medium*, the *CSI* fanchises, and *Scrubs*.

Marrus

Three weeks after graduating, Marrus caught a one-way Greyhound bus to New York City. She began illustrating for Valiant Comics and WaRP Graphics, painting book and album covers, and creating interior illustrations for various magazines and entertainment companies. Her new studio finally finished, she is once again creating whimsically sensual paintings and has recently completed an illustrated autobiography which will be published in 2009 by Kissena Park Press. Now, Marrus travels the country selling prints of her paintings and decorating skin at renaissance festivals, sci-fi cons, and anywhere else people are bored with paintings of landscapes and flowers.

James Marsters

James Marsters is best known as "Spike," a platinum-blond English vampire in the television series *Buffy the Vampire Slayer* and its spin-off series, *Angel*. Other science fiction roles include the alien super villain "Brainiac" on the Superman-inspired series *Smallville*, time traveller "Captain John Hart" in *Torchwood*, and terrorist "Barnabas Greeley" in *Caprica*. Most recently he has voiced "Lex Luthor" in *DC Universe Online* and "Mr. Fantastic" in *The Super Hero Squad Show*.

As a solo singer/songwriter, he has completed very triumphant tours of the UK and Australia in conjunction with the promotion of his album, *Civilized Man*.

Gail Z. Martin

Gail Z. Martin is the author of *The Chronicles of The Necromancer* series (*The Summoner*, *The Blood King*, *Dark Haven*, and *Dark Lady's Chosen*) from Solaris Books. She also hosts the *Ghost in the Machine Fantasy Podcast* which interviews SF/F and paranormal fiction authors. Her third book, *Dark Haven*, launched in 2009.

Laura Martin

Laura Martin makes delicious colors. Her seminal work on *Planetary*, *The Authority*, and *Ruse* earned her many awards. More recently, she has worked on *Astonishing X-Men*, *The Ultimates*, *Thor*, Stephen King's *The Stand*, and *Black Lightning*. In 2009, it was announced that she had signed an exclusive contract with Marvel. In 2010, she became the regular colorist on the second ongoing volume of *New Avengers*.

William C. Martin

William C. Martin, PhD, is a longstanding member of First Fandom and the Science Fiction Research Association. He began reading and collecting science fiction and became a member of a fan club in about 1934. His pulp magazine collection goes back to the first issue of *Amazing Stories*. His book collection contains most important SF books published 1890-1960, as well as most major books published since. He has taught at Georgia State University and penned numerous professional papers on the history and development of science fiction as the literature of the 20th century.

Lee Martindale

Lee Martindale's brought grown men to tears in *To Stand as Witness*, incited belly laughs in *Turn the Other Chick*, written high-brow in Sword and Sorceress anthologies, and low-brow in *Bubbas of the Apocalypse* anthology series. Her most recent work appears in the anthology *Catopolis*.

Patrick Mason

Patrick Mason spends most of his time as a reactor engineer at a nuclear power plant in St. Francisville, LA. When he's not moving control rods or reloading nuclear fuel, he travels to spread the good word of nuclear power. Patrick also holds a degree in Aerospace Engineering, and while not utilizing the degree in a professional manner, he does still study rocketry. Patrick is also the owner of a small gaming company known as Ruminant Productions, current producers of the Vanished Lands series of role-playing books.

Peter Mayhew

Peter Mayhew is an actor known for playing the Wookiee Chewbacca in the *Star Wars* movies. His peak height was 7 feet 3 inches (2.21"m) tall. Mayhew has played the part of Chewbacca in four *Star Wars* films: the original *Star Wars* trilogy (*A New Hope*, *The Empire Strikes Back*, and *Return of the Jedi*) and *Star Wars Episode III: Revenge of the Sith*. He also played the role in the 1978 television movie *The Star Wars Holiday Special*, as well as in an appearance on *The Muppet Show*. Outside *Star Wars*, Mayhew has appeared in the horror film *Terror* directed by Norman J. Warren. He also voiced the character Susha in the English version of *Dragon Ball GT: A Hero's Legacy*. In 2008 he appeared in James Kerwin's scifi noir film, *Yesterday Was a Lie*.

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Sara E. Mayhew

International award-winning mangaka of *Secrets of Sorcerers and Love Pet*, Sara E. Mayhew is a professional illustrator who specializes in producing manga artwork for publishers as well as creating original manga titles. Her series, *Secrets of Sorcerers*, was named "Best Comic for Teens" by the International Anime and Manga Festival (IMAF). Sara was featured in Applied Arts magazine's 'Young Blood' article on "...new talent commanding our attention". Currently, Sara is working on producing a new series, *Legend of the Ztarr*, that aims to introduce manga readers to skeptical and humanist values through storytelling.

Todd McCaffrey

Todd Johnson McCaffrey wrote his first science-fiction story when he was twelve and has been writing on and off ever since. His books include the *Pern* books *Dragon's Kin*, the *New York Times* bestselling *Dragon's Fire*, *Dragon Harper* (all in collaboration with his mother, Anne McCaffrey), his solo *Pern* book, *Dragonsblood*, and the non-fiction work, *Dragonholder*. His publications include nine short works, including "The Dragons of Prague," a short story in the anthology *Doctor Who—Short Trips: Destination Prague*, one animated screenplay, and one novel-length choose-your-own-adventure type book. His most recent short, "Dragon*Con: Trials and Tribulations" appeared in the anthology *Here be Dragons: Tales of Dragon*Con*.

Eddie McClintock

Edward "Eddie" McClintock is an American actor who currently portrays the role of Secret Service agent Peter Lattimer on the Syfy series *Warehouse 13*. He was a cast member of the television sitcoms *Stark Raving Mad* and *Crumbs*. He had recurring roles on *Bones* and on *Desperate Housewives*. He has also guest-starred on *Sex and the City*, *My Boys*, *Felicity*, *Friends*, *Ned and Stacey*, *Less than Perfect*, *Better off Ted*, and other television shows.

Sylvester McCoy

Sylvester McCoy gained a job at London's Roundhouse Theatre selling tickets and keeping the books in the box office. He joined the *Ken Campbell Roadshow* and along with Bob Hoskins, Jane Wood, and Dave Hill performed a range of plays with the umbrella theme of "modern myths." McCoy found himself in a double-act with Hoskins. After Hoskins left, and being booked at a circus, director Ken Campbell improvised a circus-based act about a fictitious stuntman called Sylvester McCoy and thought it would be amusing if the program stated that this character was played by "Sylvester McCoy." While at the Royal Court Theatre, one of the critics missed the joke and assumed that Sylvester McCoy was a real person. McCoy like the irony of this, and adopted the name of his stage identity.

He was starring at the National Theatre in "The Pied Piper", a play written especially for him, that McCoy learned that the BBC was looking for a new lead actor to replace Colin Baker in *Doctor Who* (1963). He later won the role as the seventh Doctor. Sylvester McCoy's costume for *Doctor Who* was changed from a fawn jacket and paisley scarf to a dark brown jacket and an altogether more muted and subdued image in his final season on the show.

After *Doctor Who*, McCoy worked extensively in theater and on television. In theater he appeared in *The Government Inspector* twice in tours during 1993 and 1994, and in between these he starred as the Narrator, Thomas Marvel, in the stage version of H.G. Wells's *The Invisible Man*. In 1995 he starred in *Zorro: The Musical*.

Jack McDevitt

Jack McDevitt is a former English teacher, naval officer, Philadelphia taxi driver, customs officer, and motivational trainer. With the nomination of Echo, his work has been on the final Nebula ballot nine of the last ten years. He won the award in 2007 for *Seeker*, which featured his furutistic antiquarian, Alex Benedict.

His first novel, *The Hercules Text*, was published in the celebrated Ace Specials series, and won the Philip K. Dick Special Award. In 1991, he received the first $10,000 UPC International Prize for his novella *Ships in the Night*. *Omega*, an Academy adventure, won the John W. Campbell Memorial Award for best SF novel, 2003.

Mary McDonnell

Mary McDonnell is best known to science fiction crowds for her performances as "President Laura Roslin" in *Battlestar Galactica*, the President's wife in *Independence Day*, and "Rose Darko" in *Donnie Darko*. In early 2011, it was announced that she will be starring in a new spin-off television drama titled *Major Crimes* based on her character "Captain Sharon Raydor" from the hit series *The Closer*.

Gates McFadden

American actress and choreographer, Gates McFadden is best known for her portrayal of "Dr. Beverly Crusher" on *Star Trek: The Next Generation* and its subsequent films. Before *Star Trek*, she worked frequently as a choreographer and puppet movement director for Jim Henson productions on films including *The Dark Crystal*, *Labyrinth*, and *The Muppets Take Manhattan*.

Mike McFarland

Voice actor, director, and producer, Mike McFarland has provided voices for a number of English language anime films and television series. Best known as the voice of "Jean Havoc" in *Full Metal Alchemist*, he has also voiced characters for *Dragon Ball Z*, *Evangelion*, *Fruits Basket*, *Lupin III*, *Monster*, *One Piece*, and *Ouran High School Host Club*.

Mercedes McNab

Mercedes McNab is a Canadian-born actress best known for playing "Harmony Kendall" on *Buffy the Vampire Slayer* and *Angel*. Other appearances include episodes for *Supernatural*, *Reaper*, and *Criminal Minds*. Film roles include *The Addams Family Values*, *Savage Land*, *Hatchet*, and *Dark Reel*.

Robert Duncan McNeill

McNeill enjoyed early success as a professional actor, winning the role of Charlie Brent on *All My Children* and starring in the feature film Masters of the Universe. He also starred in an acclaimed episode of the '80s version of *The Twilight Zone*, "A Message from Charity." He then appeared with Stockard Channing in the Broadway production of *Six Degrees of Separation* before returning to Los Angeles to pursue roles on television. He appeared in featured guest roles on numerous TV series, including *Homefront*, *L.A. Law*, *Quantum Leap*, *Star Trek: The Next Generation*, and *Murder, She Wrote* and was a featured cast member on the short-lived series, *Going to Extremes* before earning the role of Tom Paris on *Star Trek: Voyager*. His most recent work has been as a director of several episodes of *Chuck* and the season finale of *V*, "Red Sky."

Julie McNiven

Julie McNiven is best known for her role as "Anna Milton" on *Supernatural* and "Hildy" on *Mad Men*. As a teenager, she studied swinging trapeze at the French Woods Festival of the Performing Arts. She can also be seen in episodes of *Brotherhood*, *New Amsterdam*, *Stargate: Universe*, and most recently, *Fringe*.

Michelle Menard

Michelle Menard is a writer/game designer currently at Firaxis Games, home of the acclaimed Civilization series. Previously she has worked as an editor and associate producer, museum kiosk programmer, and for a brief stint as a UI programmer. Her book on the Unity Engine—Game Development with Unity—is one of the first in the field. Michelle holds an MFA in Game Design and Development from the Savannah College of Art and Design, and a double BA from Brown University in Applied Mathematics and Music. On the side, she has worked as an MMO contract artist, a masters-level course developer for SCAD, and is a yearly speaker at the Southern Interactive Entertainment and Game Expo.

Travis Scott Merrill

Travis Scott Merrill has been working as an artisan in professional theater for well over a decade, but does not remember a time in his life where he didn't have a need to create something from something else. In the theatre his art talent flourished, painting murals in the scene shop, sculpting in the prop shop, and various mask making projects. He found his ability to see various shapes and how the could go together clicked with draping and pattern making. It is difficult to tear him away from the costume and props shops. There are so many tools and so many things he can not wait to build. As a costume crafts artisan all his training in art, costumes and props all came together.

Tom Merritt

Tom is executive editor for CNET TV at *CNET.com*. He hosts the daily *Buzz Out Loud* podcast and a weekly how-to show called "The Real Deal". In addition, Tom hosts regular segments on CNET TV like "Top 5", "How-to", "Hacks", and more. Tom served as executive producer for TechTV's website until 2004. He started at ZDTV as Producer of The Screen Savers website in 1999. Tom has run *SuBBrilliant.com*, a collection of web experiments including the *SuBBrilliant News*, a parody news ezine, the *East Meets West* podcast which features Roger Chang, the National American Title Board, and many more. Tom also co-hosts two other independent podcasts. *Sword and Laser* is a science fiction and fantasy podcast and book club with Veronica Belmont.

Kara Mikos

Before joining the legal profession, Kara Mikos worked on character development for *Vampire: The Masquerade*. For the last six years, Kara has focused primarily on helping injured parties by fighting for their rights. In 2006, Kara came to Dragon*Con and spoke about First Amendment rights and pornography. Last year, she returned to sit on a panel with the movie Busted! that also discussed the Fourth, Fifth, and Sixth Amendments and individuals' rights.

Addy Miller

Addy Miller started acting at age eight when she won the role of Young Dakota Fanning in *The Secret Life of Bees*. Since then, she currently has a dozen films to her credit, as well as commercials, print work, and several television shows.

Addy's most recognized work is on AMC's 2010 new original series *The Walking Dead*, cast as the "Little Girl Zombie" in the pivotal opening scene that set the tone for the entire show. Fans of the show have raved her scene as "Best Kill", "Shock of the Week" and "Zombie of the Week."

In spring of 2010, Addy finished shooting her first lead role, Mary Jane in *Death and Mary Jane*, a short. Some other favorite roles have been Megan Evans in *Paranormal* and Cricket in *One Last Sunset*. This past winter Addy completed another pilot TV show called *Ghost Trek* in which she played Tyler Rae Kinsey—a murdered pageant girl who returns to haunt the paranormal investigators. Addy enjoyed working alongside Jonny "Fairplay" Dalton from *Survivor*.

James Minz

James Minz worked in a wide variety of capacities—mostly as an editorial assistant, literary agent and packager of anthologies, including co-packager of the highly regarded annual The Year's Best Fantasy and Horror edited by Ellen Datlow and Terri Windling. On the centennial of Heinlein's birth, Minz joined Baen Books as Senior Editor, working with authors such as Catherine Asaro, Hal Duncan, Terry Goodkind, Robert J. Sawyer, Harry Turtledove, and Timothy Zahn.

Betsy Mitchell

Mitchell served as managing editor at Analog magazine, senior editor of Baen Books, associate publisher of Bantam Spectra, and founded the Aspect line at Warner Books before joining the Random House Publishing Group in 2002 as Vice President/Editor-in-Chief of Del Rey. In May 2004 she oversaw the launch of Del Rey Manga with the publication of *Tsubasa* and *xxxHOLiC*, both by CLAMP; *Negima!* by Ken Akamatsu; and *Gundam SEED* by Masatsugu Iwase.

Rebecca Moesta

Rebecca Moesta is the author or coauthor of thirty books, including *Buffy the Vampire Slayer: Little Things* and three novels in the *Star Wars: Junior Jedi Knights* series. With her husband, bestselling author Kevin J. Anderson, Moesta wrote all fourteen volumes of the award-winning, *New York Times*-bestselling *Star Wars: Young Jedi Knights* series. Moesta and Anderson also wrote *StarCraft: Shadow of the Xel'Naga*, based on the bestselling video game, two original novels based on Fox's animated feature film *Titan A.E.*, several short stories, two pop-up books, the graphic novel *Star Trek TNG: The Gorn Crisis*, and the four-issue humorous comic series *Grumpy Old Monsters*. Moesta and Anderson are currently coauthoring the *Crystal Doors* young adult series for Little, Brown.

Elizabeth Moon

Elizabeth Moon has written over twenty science fiction and fantasy novels, including two in collaboration with Anne McCaffrey and the Nebula Award winner *The Speed of Dark*. In addition she's had over thirty short fiction pieces published in magazines and anthologies. Her work ranges across the specific genre from blatant humor to hard SF to military and adventure SF to horror to epic fantasy. Her latest collection is *Moon Flights* from NightShade books. She is currently working on a new Paksworld books; the first, *Oath of Fealty*, came out March 2010.

Temuera Morrison

Trained in drama under the New Zealand Special Performing Arts Training Scheme, one of his earliest roles was in the 1988 film *Never Say Die*, opposite Lisa Eilbacher. Before this he had starred as a character called "Ricky" in the original TV1 soap opera *Close to Home*. In recent years, Morrison has received much popularity from his role as the bounty hunter Jango Fett in *Star Wars Episode II: Attack of the Clones* (2002). Part of the film's plot involves an army of clones created with Jango's DNA; Morrison also provided acting and voice work for the soldiers. He reappeared as a number of clones in *Star Wars Episode III: Revenge of the Sith*, the final film of the series, and rerecorded the lines of the character Boba Fett (Jango's "son" and another clone) in the 2004 DVD re-releases of the original *Star Wars* trilogy, replacing the voice of Jason Wingreen.

Dean Motter

Dean Motter, artist/writer/designer, relaunched his seminal creation *Mister X* for Dark Horse in 2009 with the newly-restored *Mister: The Archives*, and the new miniseries *Mister X: Condemned*. In 2011 he continues the adventures of *Mister X* in Dark Horse Presents and is currently illustrating *Health Care Reform: A Serious Comic* by Dr. John Gruber. In recent years he has written *Wolverine* for Marvel Comics, *The Spirit* and the award-winning 'film-noir' graphic novel, *Batman: Nine Lives* for DC Comics. His two acclaimed *Terminal City* mini-series for Vertigo were nominated for both Eisner and Kurtzman Awards. He is also known for his graphic novel *The Prisoner: Shattered Visage*, for DC Comics.

Chris Mueller

Chris Mueller is currently embarking on his new career as a freelance costume designer. As a costume technician, Chris has worked in regional theatres across the country as both a cutter/draper and patternmaker and as a costume craftsperson. As a designer, he has barely scratched the surface with work at the nationally acclaimed Hartford Stage Company and Long Wharf Theatres. Chris still dedicates his love of costuming to Star Wars, Halloween, and all things sci-fi.

Kate Mulgrew

Most famous for her roles on *Star Trek: Voyager* as "Captain Kathryn Janeway" and *Ryan's Hope* as "Mary Ryan," Kate Mulgrew earned multiple awards for acting in television, theater, and film. In recent years, she has been active doing voice-over work for video games such as "Janeway" in *Star Trek Legacy*, and most recently as "Flemeth" in the *Dragon Age* series.

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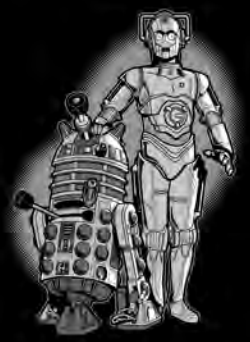

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Sabutai Musashi

Sabutai Musashi began his training as a young boy in 1966 under Grandmaster Yoshiaki Musashi, from whom he inherited the title of Grandmaster and the Ninkage ryu bujutsu style. Ninkage ryu is a complete martial arts system that includes weapons like Iaijutsu, the sword art of harmonizing the draw and cut and Kenjutsu, the art of the sword. Ninkage ryu also incorporates bare-handed techniques and internal arts. Undefeated in bare knuckle, full-contact fighting, he was inducted into the United States Karate Alliance (USKA) Hall of Fame in July 1992.

Julie L. Negron

Julie Negron's been drawing and attending art courses since she could hold a pencil. Her professional career began in 1987 when she landed her first paying job as an editorial cartoonist at an Oregon newspaper. After a military transfer to the island of Okinawa, Japan, Julie began creating the *Stars & Stripes' Sunday* comic strip, Jenny, *The Military Spouse*.

Ingrid Neilson

Ingrid Neilson is a North Carolina artist who is internationally known for her whimsical ink and watercolor drawings of dragons, griffins, and other creatures of fantasy. Her work has appeared in *Vampirella*, *The Comics Journal*, and Marvel's *Epic* magazine, and various convention publications around the world. She has also designed logos for the Intergalactic Trading Company and performed inking for the comics *Space Ark*, *MythAdventures*, and *Elfquest: New Blood*. Ingrid oversees nominations for the Chesley Awards and was a consultant for the Hugo-winning book *The Chesley Awards: A Retrospective*.

Corvis Nocturnum

Occult researcher and Gothic fantasy artist E. R. Vernor, best known to his fans under the pen name Corvis *Nocturnum*, has owned an occult shop for several years while he maintained office as the Vice President of the Fort Wayne Pagan Alliance, a faith tolerance organization and acted as Vendor Director/Coordinator for Pagan Pride Day in Fort Wayne, Indiana. He has also been a consultant for A& E's *Paranormal States* episode Satan's Soldier, appeared on *The Lexi Show* on the Word Network on BET Channel two part section on "Satanism and Devil Worship" and TLC: *Strange Sex "Vampires"* segment, both scheduled for fall of 2011.

Whit Norris

Whit Norris, C.A.S has been working on film sets as production sound mixer for over twenty years. He has worked with Directors such as Kevin Smith, Justin Lin, Peter Berg, Drew Barrymore, and Ridley Scott. He has worked from the days of recording on analog tape to now recording on digital recorders. Some of his credits include: *Fast Five*, *Whip It*, *Dogma*, *Jay and Silent Bob Strike Back*, *Clerks II*, *The Crazies*, *FanBoys*, *Zack and Mary Make A Porno*, *American Reunion*, and *Friday Night Lights*. He is a member of the Cinema Audio Society, The Society of Motion Picture and Television Engineers, and I.A.T.S.E. Local 695 of Los Angeles and 479 of Georgia.

Philip Nutman

Philip Nutman is the author of the award-nominated apocalyptic espionage novel, Wet Work, and screenwriter of the feature film Jack Ketchum's the *Girl Next Door*. Although Nutman has penned and published over forty acclaimed short stories and novellas over the past twenty years, film and TV projects are now his primary focus. Most recently, he wrote Scream and Scream Again, the definitive history of Britain's Amicus Productions, published in 2008.

Jody Lynn Nye

Jody Lynn Nye writes fantasy and science fiction books and short stories. Nye has published thirty-eight books and more than one hundred short stories since 1985. Her novels include the epic fantasy series, *The Dreamland* and three medical science fiction novels. *Strong Arm Tactics*, a humorous military science fiction novel, begins her new series, *The Wolfe Pack*. Nye has also collaborated with Anne McCaffrey on four science fiction novels, *The Death of Sleep*, *Crisis On Doona*, *Treaty At Doona*, and *The Ship Who Won*. She also edited an anthology of humorous stories about mothers in science fiction, fantasy, myth, and legend entitled *Don't Forget Your Spacesuit, Dear!* Her newest book is *A Forthcoming Wizard*, the second half of a fantasy duology for TOR Books (after *An Unexpected Apprentice*).

David Nykl

David Nykl: known to Sci-Fi fans worldwide as *Stargate's* Dr Radek Zelenka, David is a veteran character actor with over twenty years' experience in film, television and theatre. Born in Prague and a native of Vancouver, David has appeared in dozens of film and television projects in the U.S., Europe and Canada. As founder and former Artistic Director of Prague's famous Misery Loves Company Theatre, David appeared in dozens of productions in central Europe in both Czech and English.

Denis O'Hare

Equally versatile on both stage and screen, Denis O'Hare has established a strong presence in the industry as a skillful, in-demand character actor. He can currently be seen opposite Channing Tatum, Jamie Bell and Donald Sutherland in Kevin MacDonald's *The Eagle*, a film which tells the story of a young Roman officer searching to recover the lost Roman eagle standard of his father's legion in the north of Britain. Concurrently, O'Hare was also recently seen on television in his recurring roles of Judge Charles Abernathy in the CBS series *The Good Wife* and Russell Edgington, the Vampire King of Mississippi, in the HBO hit series *True Blood*. O'Hare's additional television credits include roles on *Brothers and Sisters*, *CSI: Miami*, *Bored to Death*, *Law and Order*, and *100 Centre Street*.

Amy Okuda

Amy Okuda was born in Torrance, California. Amy began dancing when she was 13 and shortly got an agent, which eventually led to appearances in television commercials, music video as a dancer, and print as a model. She has booked an array of print jobs around the globe, such as ads for Apple laptop computers, Verizon, and for Jamie Kennedy's *Kicking it Old School*. Also in her resume are commercials such as Shoe Carnival, Japanese soft-drink company Suntory, and voice-over for AT&T. More recently she has also landed a role in the TV show *Californication* with David Duchovny. *The Guild* is her first recurring role.

Kathie Olivas

Kathie Olivas is a multi-media artist who has been featured in galleries across the globe and is represented in the permanent collection at the Tampa Museum of Art. Sugary treats, dichotomous dreamlands, and the cute and corrupted all find their way into Olivas' series depicting the "misery children." Her figures are inspired by early American portraiture that often depicted children as small adults in an idealized new land.

The series focuses on imperfect characters and post-apocalyptic conformity, uniquely documenting Olivas' mysterious brave new world. Kathie Olivas and Brandt Peters appear at Dragon*Con not only as artist guests, but also as representatives of their limited edition company, Circus Posterus, Inc.

Jana Oliver

Whether it's tromping through graveyards, dreaming up Hell's organizational chart or researching Victorian insane asylums, Jana Oliver's quest for new stories frequently strays into the weird. She likes it that way. Her latest effort is a Young Adult urban fantasy series set in a bankrupt Atlanta plagued by demons, *Deaders* and scheming necromancers. *The Demon Trapper's Daughter* (St. Martin's Press) will debut in January 2011 in the US and as *Forsaken* in the United Kingdom.

Edward James Olmos

Edward James Olmos starred in the breakout hit *Battlestar Galactica* as Admiral William Adama. Eddie found refuge in baseball as a means of staying away from street gangs and drugs. But early in his teen years, Eddie found a new love: music. In 1982 he accepted the role of Gaff in *Blade Runner* with Harrison Ford, and in 1984, Eddie joined the cast of the very popular *Miami Vice*. Eddie's popularity and fame grew tremendously with *Miami Vice*.

In 2008 he busily prepared for his next project in which he will act, direct, and produce *The Crystal Frontier*, a drama that examines US-Mexico border issues and the effects of the two nations' foreign-policy decisions.

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Brandon Dennis is best known as Oxhorn, author of popular web machinima movies. Oxhorn became known to the public in 2007 when his short movie *ROFLMAO!* became a viral YouTube sensation. Since then he has released dozens of short comedies and music videos propelling him to over 50 million YouTube views and over 100 thousand subscribers, published numerous singles and released two hit albums—Oxhorn Brand Music and Oxhorn's *Christmas for Geeks*—each of which topped the charts at iTunes and Amazon for weeks after their release. Oxhorn has become a household name to the *World of Warcraft* gaming community.

James Palmer

James Palmer is an author, editor, short story writer, copywriter, and journalist. He has written articles, interviews, reviews, columns, fiction, and poetry for *Strange Horizons, Revolution SF, Vision: A Resource for Writers, The Agony Column, Blood Blade*, and *Thruster: The Magazine of Speculative Fiction and Satire*. James is currently writing several pulp adventure and science fiction tales for a few anthologies to be published this year by Airship 27 Productions. James is also the editor of *Voices for the Cure*, a speculative fiction anthology to benefit the American Diabetes Association. *Voices* features stories by Mike Resnick, Cory Doctorow, Robert J. Sawyer, Eugie Foster, Mur Lafferty, and Davy Beauchamp, and is published by White Rocket Books.

Jimmy Palmiotti

Jimmy Palmiotti is an award-winning character creator with experience in advertising, production, consulting, editorial, film writing, development and production, media presentation, and video game development. He is the co-founder of Marvel Knights, a division of Marvel Comics, and currently, Paperfilms, where he is partners with Amanda Conner and Justin Gray. Marvel Knights has created numerous universes, comics, TV series, and characters, including *The New West, Monolith, 21 Down, The Twilight Experiment*, and the TV series, *Painkiller Jane*. His current work includes *Powergirl, Jonah Hex*, and *Prototype* for DC Comics, *The Last Resort* for IDW, *Back to Brooklyn* for Image Comics, and *Vampire Hunter D* for Devils Due.

David Palumbo

As an illustrator, Palumbo works mainly in the fantasy and science fiction genre. He has painted dozens of book covers, as well as numerous illustrations for *Magic: The Gathering*. Palumbo has also been a regular contributor toHeavy Metal Magazine since 2008 as one of the creators involved in the Tarot feature. He has provided artwork for collectible card games, comic covers, album covers, film posters, magazine covers, advertisements, and film preproduction and his artwork has appeared in such publications as *Spectrum, ImagineFX*, and *2D Artist Magazine*.

Paranormal Sarah

Paranormal Sarah is a parapsychology researcher who focuses her education and studies on forensic psychology and parapsychology. She has authored three books on paranormal and parapsychology topics and has also co-created a computer program that assists paranormal researchers around the world. She has been published in many magazines, including *TAPS Paramagazine* and also has a featured show online each week called, *Scary Sundays*. Her sister is a famously known animal communicator and psychic out of the midwest and Paranormal Sarah has been investigating the paranormal for more than thirteen years.

Jim Parrack

Jim Parrack made his debut in 2006, appearing on an episode of Monk. The same year, he made his film debut, in Annapolis. Most of his roles are small ones for television, including those for *ER, CSI, Grey's Anatomy, Close to Home, NCIS, Criminal Minds*, and *Supernatural*. He also appeared in the film *Finishing the Game: The Search for a New Bruce Lee*. He currently appears in the HBO series *True Blood* as Hoyt Fortenberry, and appeared in the film *Battle: Los Angeles*.

Teresa Patterson

Teresa Patterson is best known as the co-author of *The World of Robert Jordan's the Wheel of Time* with Robert Jordan and *The World of Shannara* with Terry Brooks. Her newest work, *No Quarter*, is a murder mystery written with acclaimed writer Robert Asprin and Eric DiCarlo, set in the French Quarter of New Orleans. She has also written various fantasy stories, including one published in *Here be Dragons: Tales of Dragon*Con*, and non-fiction articles, such as those in the humorous collections *You Said What?* and *It Looked Good on Paper*.

Jackson Pearce

Jackson Pearce auditioned for the circus once, but didn't make it; other jobs she's had include obituaries writer, biker bar waitress, and receptionist. In addition, Jackson coaches both colorguard and winterguard at a local high school. Jackson began writing when she got angry that the school librarian couldn't tell her of a book that contained a smart girl, horses, baby animals, and magic. Her solution was to write the book herself when she was twelve. Her parents thought it was cute at first, but have grown steadily more concerned for her ever since. Jackson is the author of *Sisters Red*, *As You Wish*, and the upcoming *Sisters Red* companion book, *Sweetly*.

Jason Pearson

Jason Pearson has been an artistic talent of the industry for twenty years. At some time or another, he has worked for every major publisher (Marvel, DC, Dark Horse, Image, and a host of others). His past credits include *Legion of Superheroes*, *X-Men*, *Detective Comics*, and the staple of his career—*Body Bags*. His current works has been *Punisher Annual 2009*, *X Force Special* starring Wolverine, and now a new mini-series called *Deadpool: Wade Wilson's War*.

Lars Pearson

Lars Pearson is one of the foremost experts on *Doctor Who* in North America. He is thankful that the new series has finally silenced those who preferred to overlook the original show's imagination in favor of giggling over how the spaceships looked like dish soap bottles. He's also pleased that the new show has gotten his wife interested in *Doctor Who*. As Mad Norwegian editor-in-chief and despite the obvious impediment of having a Y chromosome, Pearson oversees the company's newly formed range of essay books pertaining to women and fandom.

Tahmoh Penikett

Canadian actor Tahmoh Penikett is best known for his roles as "Karl 'Helo' Agathon" on the television series *Battlestar Galactica* and as "Paul Ballard" in Joss Whedon's series *Dollhouse*. He has also guest starred on *Dark Angel*, *The L Word*, *Robot Chicken*, *Smallville*, and *Mortal Kombat: Legacy*. In his spare time enjoys a variety of athletic pursuits including being a competitive kick boxer.

Len Peralta

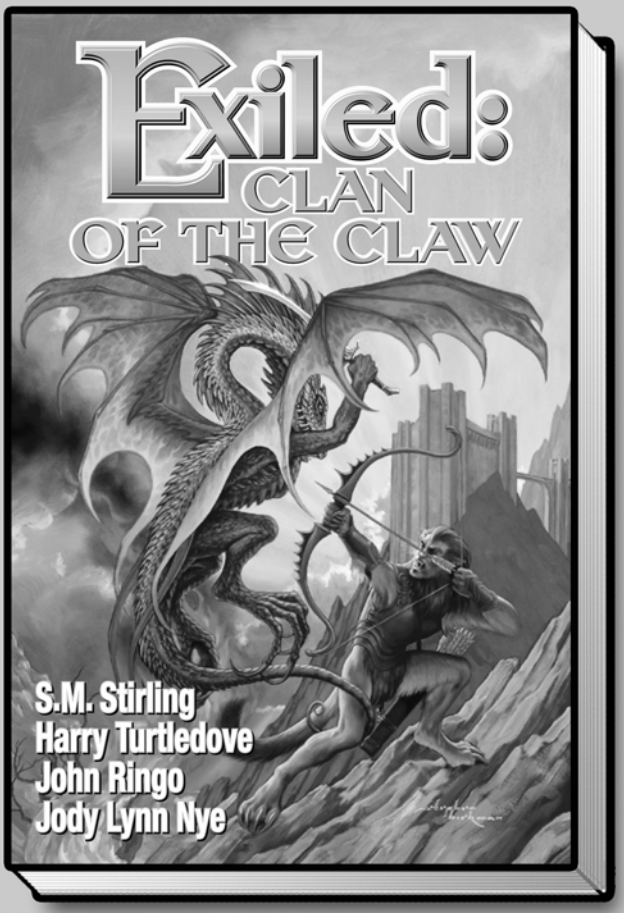
Len Peralta draws monsters, robots, zombies and so much more. His quirky, offbeat style has become synonymous with geek music and culture. His online art project *Geek A Week*, where he drew 52 geeks in 52 weeks as trading cards has been very well-recieved. He has illustrated a variety of books including *There's a Zombie in My Treehouse* by Ken Plume and John Robinson, *Silly Rhymes for Belligerent Children* by Trace Beaulieu (*MST3k*), and *Look* by Infinity Ward's Robert Bowling.

George Peréz

Along with John Byrne, George Peréz was arguably the most popular and influential artist in American comic books in the 1980s. Following a popular stint on *Justice League of America*, Peréz's career took off with the launch of *The New Teen Titans*, written by Wolfman. Wolfman and Peréz followed this with DC's 50th anniversary event, Crisis on Infinite Earths. After Crisis, Peréz inked the final issue of Superman for part one of the two-part story "Whatever Happened to the Man of Tomorrow?" by writer Alan Moore. In 1991, Peréz signed on to pencil the six-issue limited series *Infinity Gauntlet* for Marvel Comics. Peréz first returned to DC Comics in fall 1996, returning to another incarnation of the *Teen Titans*. Peréz finally returned to a major ongoing title for the third series of *The Avengers*, and he worked to produce the long-awaited JLA/Avengers, which saw print in late 2003. He is currently the co-chairman of the board of the comic industry charity The Hero Initiative.

Brandt Peters

Brandt Peters is an illustrator and character, film, and animation designer whose commercial work has thrust him to the attention of the fine art gallery circuit. He is an internationally exhibited self-taught artist whose work is formed from the eclectic backdrop of his childhood; his work is filled with old cartoons, Victorian toys, and vintage Pop ephemera. The subject of Brandt's paintings is a world of creepy side show icons, deviant animalia, and glorified cartoon alter egos. Peters utilizes these icons and character cultures as antithetical counterparts to what we are lead to believe as being innocent and socially acceptable. Brandt is currently working on several designer toy projects with MINDstyle and Wheaty Wheat Studios, as well as developing his own animation projects including his well known Slap-Happy! property.



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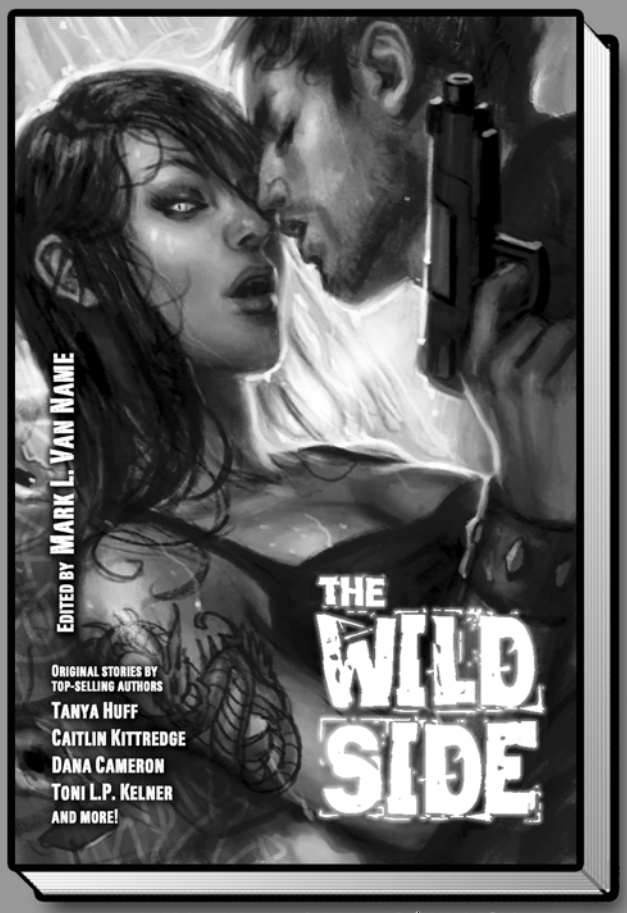

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Massimo Pigliucci

Massimo Pigliucci is Professor of Philosophy at the Graduate Center of the City University of New York, a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and author of *Nonsense on Stilts: How to Tell Science from Bunk*. His research interests include the philosophy of biology, in particular the structure and foundations of evolutionary theory, the relationship between science and philosophy, the relationship between science and religion, and the nature of pseudoscience.

Phil Plait

Philip Plait has been a science fiction fan his whole life and it certainly helped spur him on to become a professional astronomer. He worked for a decade with Hubble Space Telescope observing black holes, asteroids, dying stars, and searching for planets around other stars. He decided that he loved talking about astronomy so much that it quickly took over his life. He started the Bad Astronomy website to correct misconceptions about science, and that turned into a book, an award-winning, interviews on many TV and radio shows and podcasts, and a second book, about all the ways the Universe can wipe us out. From 2008-2009 Dr. Plait was President of the James Randi Educational Foundation.

Ken Plume

Ken is the Editor-in-Chief of Kevin Smith's *Quick Stop Entertainment* and a contributor at *Needcoffee.com*. He's the co-host of the award-winning Ken P.D. Snydecast with *Adult Swim* star Dana Snyder and *Nuts on the Road* with *Needcoffee's* Widgett Walls. He also performs editing duties and music selection for Kevin Smith and Scott Mosier's *Smodcast*. In addition to all this, he proudly holds the rank of Honorary Astrobase Cadet, and rumor has it he can even be heard on an episode of *The Venture Bros.*

Jean Rabe

Jean Rabe is the author of more than two dozen fantasy and adventure novels, more short stories than she cares to count, and she's edited twenty anthologies. Among her novels are *The Stonetellers* and *Dhamon* series from Wizards of the Coast, and the *Finest* trilogy from Tor. A former newspaper reporter, she wrote a true crime novel with F. Lee Bailey—*When the Husband is the Suspect*, and she had the immense pleasure of co-authoring three novels with her friend Andre Norton. She loves to genre hop, and therefore has also written a scattering of WWI, WWII, Civil War, Western, mystery, urban fantasy, and horror tales.

Benjamin Radford

Benjamin Radford is the managing editor of the science magazine, *Skeptical Inquirer*. He has written hundreds of articles on a wide variety of topics, including urban legends, the paranormal, critical thinking, film, and media literacy. He is the author of three books *Hoaxes, Myths, and Manias: Why We Need Critical Thinking* (with sociologist Robert E. Bartholomew), *Media Mythmakers: How Journalists, Activists, and Advertisers Mislead Us*, and *Lake Monster Mysteries: Investigating the World's Most Elusive Creatures* (with Joe Nickell). Radford is also a columnist for *Skeptical Inquirer* and the *Skeptical Briefs* newsletter. He served as a consultant for the MTV series, *The Big Urban Myth Show*.

Gary Raisor

Gary Raisor has written the novels *Less Than Human*, *Graven Images*, and *Sinister Purposes*, along with three or four dozen short stories, many of which have been collected in "Year's Best" collections. He wrote an article for Phil Nutman's *Up Against The Wall* online mag, and a story for Nancy Kalanta's online *Horrorworld* last year. Gary edited Dark Harvest's best selling anthology of all time, *Obsessions*. Currently, he is working to turn *Less Than Human* and *Graven Images* into graphic novels.

Stephen W. Ramsden

Stephen W. Ramsden is an accomplished Solar Astronomer and full time Air Traffic Controller. He runs the nations largest privately funded Solar Astronomy Outreach Program. He has given lectures on Solar Astronomy and is currently preparing to construct the nations only solar observatory dedicated soley to student outreach. He is a NASA/JPL Solar System Ambassador and represents several FAA employee associations in their outreach efforts in the field of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics.

Meaghan Rath

A dynamic and versatile performer, Meaghan Rath is quickly emerging as one of the entertainment industry's brightest young talents. Meaghan can currently be seen in the North American adaptation of the popular UK television series *Being Human* which debuted in January 2011 on the SyFy channel. In the series, Meaghan stars as a Sally, a ghost who's trying to lead a normal life despite sharing living quarters with a vampire and a werewolf.

Trina Ray

Trina started her career at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory with a bang. Her first and still favorite experience was working on the Voyager Neptune Encounter in August of 1989. Her current position is Science System Engineer for the Project Scientist on Cassini and the co-chair of the Titan Orbiter Science Team (TOST) where she coordinates the targeted Titan science opportunities. Trina is an active public speaker for NASA, JPL, and Cassini, and a founding member of the Cassini Virtual Singers: a group of project staff that rewrites lyrics to popular melodies and performs at various Project and Laboratory functions.

Norman Reedus

Best known for his portrayal as "Murphy MacManus" in *The Boondock Saints*, Norman Reedus is currently starring in the television post-apocalyptic zombie series, *The Walking Dead* as "Daryl Dixon." Additional film and television credits include *8MM*, *Blade II*, *Charmed*, and the pilot of *Hawaii Five-0*. He has directed several short films and music videos, recently appearing in the 2011 music video "Judas" with Lady Gaga.

Autumn Reeser

Autumn began her acting career with a role in the final season of *Star Trek: Voyager*, and progressed to numerous guest-starring roles on sitcoms such as *The George Lopez Show* and *Grounded For Life*, and dramas such as *Cold Case* and *CSI*. Her breakout role came in 2005, as the quirky-cute and socially awkward Taylor Townsend on the final 2 seasons of *The OC*, for which she received high critical acclaim. She's also known for portraying firecracker junior agent Lizzie Grant on HBO's *Entourage* and comic-book-loving scientist Katie Andrews in ABC's *No Ordinary Family*. Her most recent film *The Big Bang* premiered in May 2011, where she starred opposite Antonio Banderas as a waitress with a fetish for particle physics.

Mike Resnick

Mike's breakthrough novel was Santiago, published in 1986. He has since published *Stalking the Unicorn*, *The Dark Lady*, *Ivory*, *Second Contact*, *Paradise*, *Purgatory*, *Inferno*, *Bwana/Bully!*, and the collection *Will the Last Person to Leave the Planet Please Shut off the Sun?* He has recently completed *A Gathering of Widowmakers*, *Dragon America*, and *Lady with an Alien*. Since 1989, Mike has won five Hugos, a Nebula, and has been nominated for twenty-seven Hugos, eleven Nebulas, a Clarke, and six Seiun-shos. In 1993 he was awarded the Skylark Award for Lifetime Achievement in Science Fiction.

Beth Revis

Beth Revis is the author of the *Across the Universe* trilogy. The first book, *Across the Universe*, ia a *New York Times* bestseller. *Across the Universe* is a science fiction novel aimed specifically at teens, and has been affectionately called a murder mystery in space. With accessible writing and a twisty plot, *Across the Universe* grabbed the attention of fans that have been waiting for a true science fiction novel in the YA market. The second book of the trilogy, *A Million Suns*, is due out in 2012, and Revis is currently working on the final book.

Chandler Riggs

Ten-year-old Chandler Riggs made his professional stage debut at the age of eight with Theater of the Stars at Atlanta's Fox Theater in *The Wizard of Oz* followed by Oklahoma. After several commercial credits, he appeared in the Lifetime Movie *The Wronged Man* and had his feature film debut in the upcoming Sony Pictures Classics film *Get Low*. Most recently he can be seen in *Walking Dead* as Carl Grimes. A native of Atlanta, Chandler enjoys video games, tap dancing, and mountain biking.

John D. Ringo

John Ringo's highest hopes were to someday upgrade to SQL Server, at which point, he thought, his life would be complete. But then Fate took a hand: John has become a professional author and over course of time has published numerous novels including the *Legacy of the Aldenata*, *Paladin of Shadows*, *Council Wars*, *Looking Glass*, and *Special Circumstances* series' and seven stand-alone novels.

Rogue

Rogue is the lead singer, songwriter, front-man, and founder of the band the Crüxshadows. With close to two hundred songwriting credits, over twenty CDs, several chart topping hits in Europe and the US, and well over a thousand live performances all over the globe, Rogue has been an active and vital part of the dark-wave and electro-gothic music scene since the early 90s. His lyrics are often poetic, emotional, and imaginative; and his love of science and mythology lend an interesting twist to his subject matter. Rogue's unique perspective and artistic vision have helped make the Crüxshadows into an enduring underground success all over the world.

Don Rosa

Don Rosa is an American comic book writer and illustrator best known for his stories about Scrooge McDuck, Donald Duck, and other Disney characters. He was born in Louisville, Kentucky. His most famous work is *The Life and Times of Scrooge McDuck* which is now out of print.

Selina Rosen

Selina Rosen's short fiction has appeared in several magazines and anthologies including *Sword and Sorceress*, three of the MZB fantasy mags, *Tooth and Claw*, *Turn the Other Chick*, and *Anthology At the End of the Universe*. Her novels include *Queen of Denial*, *Recycled*, *Chains of Freedom*, *Chains of Destruction*, *Strange Robby*, and *The Host* trilogy. In her capacity as editor-in-chief of Yard Dog Press, Rosen has edited several anthologies, including the award-winning *Bubbas of the Apocalypse*, *International House of Bubbas*, and *Houston: We've Got Bubbas!*, and two collections of modern fairy tales, the Stoker-nominated *Stories That Won't Make Your Parents Hurl* and *More Stories That Won't Make Your Parents Hurl*.

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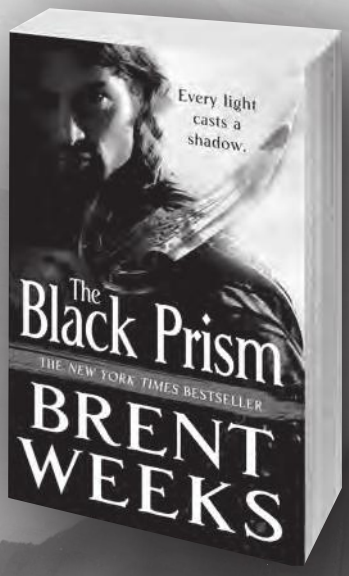

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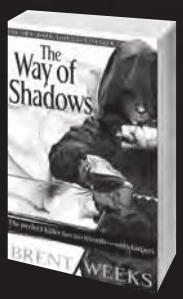

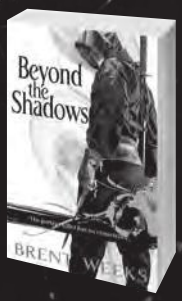

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Michael Rosenbaum

Michael Rosenbaum is an actor and director best known for his portrayal of "Lex Luther" on the television series *Smallville*, and for the voice of "Flash" in *Justice League*, *Static Shock*, and *Justice League Unlimited*. Most recently, he can be seen as "Dutch" in the television series *Breaking In*.

Jacob Rougemont

Alongtime fan of Marvel Comics, Jacob Rougemont began writing for Marvel Comics with their Official Handbook of the Marvel Handbook upon their resurgance in 2004. As of the series' 2008 hardcovers, Jacob became one of the regular writing staff of the *Handbooks* and soon moved on the renewed Official Index to the Marvel Universe upon their inception in 2009. He currently writes for both series, as well as helping to layout various trade paperback collections.

Andy Runton

Andy Runton is the creator of the breakout all-ages series of graphic novels, Owly, starring a little owl who's always searching for new friends and adventures. Relying on a mixture of symbols, icons, and expressions to tell his silent stories, Runton's animated and heartwarming style has made him a favorite of both fans and critics alike. In addition to winning the Eisner, Harvey, and Ignatz awards, as well as the Howard E. Day Memorial Prize, his work has also garnered praise from such high-profile publications as *People*, *Publishers Weekly*, and *USA Today*. After only a few years on the comics scene, Andy already shines as one of the industry's brightest stars. Currently, he's working full-time on the next Owly graphic novel.

Chris Ryniak

A graduate and former instructor of the Ringling School of Art and Design, Chris Ryniak is now a painter and sculptor of all manner of critters. Chris' work has been exhibited in galleries throughout the US including Miami, LA, New York City as well as Hamburg, Germany, and Rome, Italy. His paintings have also been published in numerous books and periodicals in the States as well as in Europe and Singapore.

John Sabol

John Sabol is an archaeologist, anthropologist, actor, and author. He has extensive field experience as an archaeologist and anthropologist, and has worked in Europe, Mexico, and the United States. He has appeared in more than thirty films, TV programs, and documentaries. He has written twelve books on interactive haunting archaeologies.

Mike Sakuta

Mike Sakuta and Nicole Harsch are the Crossed Swords. During the school year, they teach history to students all over the country with their swashbuckling educational shows about knights, musketeers, conquistadors, and Roman legionaries. They also run an online sword-selling business, *Swordmark.com*, which offers a wide variety of sword designs to their fellow sword lovers all over the world. In his spare time, Mike uses his PhD to teach chemistry at Georgia Perimeter College.

Robert J. Sawyer

Robert J. Sawyer is one of only seven writers ever to win all three of the science-fiction field's top awards for best novel of the year: the Hugo, which he won in 2003 for Hominids, the Nebula, which he won in 1996 for *The Terminal Experiment*, and the John W. Campbell Memorial Award, which he won in 2006 for *Mindscan*. The ABC TV series *FlashForward* is based on his Aurora Award-winning novel of the same name, and he serves as consultant on the TV series and wrote the 19th episode, "Course Correction." His other novels include *Starplex*, *Frameshift*, *Factoring Humanity*, *Calculating God*, *Humans*, *Rollback*, and *Wake*.

Robert J. Schwalb

In the ten years or so Robert J. Schwalb has been writing in the roleplaying games business, he's designed or developed nearly two hundred titles for *Dungeons & Dragons*, *Warhammer Fantasy Roleplay*, *A Song of Ice and Fire RPG*, *Star Wars RPG*, and the *d20* system. Robert has a designer position with Wizards of the Coast and has a hand in many of the sourcebooks for 4th edition *Dungeons & Dragons* such as *Dark Sun Campaign Setting*, *D&D Gamma World: Famine in Far-Go*, *Eberron Campaign Guide*, *Player's Handbooks 2* and *3*, *Heroes of Shadow*, and the forthcoming *Book of Vile Darkness*.

Randal L. Schwartz

Randal L. Schwartz is a renowned expert on the Perl programming language, having contributed to a dozen top-selling books on the subject, and over 250 magazine articles. Schwartz runs a Perl and Smalltalk training and consulting company, and is a highly sought-after speaker for his masterful stage combination of technical skill, comedic timing, and crowd rapport. Schwartz is also infamous amongst the System Administration community for his arguable 1995 criminal conviction while performing activities for the Intel Corporation, and publicly advocates for appropriate computer crime laws. His presentation about the landmark case titled "Just Another Convicted Perl Hacker" has inspired action for computer professionals and lobbyists at computer conferences all over the world.

Chris Schweizer

Chris Schweizer is the cartoonist behind the *Crogan Adventures*, a historical adventure graphic novel serie. The first of these books, *Crogan's Vengeance*, received an Eisner nomination, a CYBILS nomination, and a YALSA award nomination. In addition to writing and drawing his *Crogan* series, Chris has written an upcoming six-book series for Lerner Publishing called *Tricky Journeys*, which is slated to come out in fall of 2011. He has also published short stories with Image, Top Shelf, Nickelodeon, and Evil Twin comics, and is putting out a 186-page art book this spring.

Eugenie C. Scott

Dr. Eugenie C. Scott directs the National Center for Science Education, Inc., a pro-evolution nonprofit with members in every state. An internationally-recognized expert on the creation/evolution controversy, Scott has worked nation-wide to communicate the scientific method to the general public and to improve how science as a way of knowing is taught in school. Scott is a former university professor, and is the author of over 200 articles plus the books *Evolution vs Creationism: an Introduction*, and, with Glenn Branch, *Not in Our Classrooms: Why Intelligent Design is Wrong for our Schools*.

Stephen H. Segal

Stephen H. Segal is the editorial and creative director of *Weird Tales*, the world's oldest magazine of fantastic literature. He also designs book covers for the award-winning fantasy/SF imprints Juno Books and Prime Books, contributes occasionally to *Fantasy-Magazine.com*, and serves on the executive board of the Interstitial Arts Foundation. He has previously been an editor at In *Pittsburgh Weekly* and WQED's *Pittsburgh Magazine*, a publication designer for Carnegie Mellon University, and a writer for the *Philadelphia Weekly*.

Shelly Shapiro

Shelly Shapiro began at Del Rey Books as Assistant Editor, after a stint as Editorial Assistant to Ellen Asher at the Science Fiction Book Club. Over the years, she worked with such authors as Anne McCaffrey, Arthur C. Clarke, Frederik Pohl, Larry Niven, Elizabeth Moon, and Greg Bear, until the *Star Wars* license was acquired by Del Rey and she took over responsibility for the *Star Wars* fiction line. About four years ago, she ceded her position as Editorial Director in favor of Editor at Large, which enabled her to give up her New York office and, in 2009, move to rural Maine, where she continues her Star Wars and McCaffrey (Anne and Todd) responsibilities.

Tony Shasteen

Tony Shasteen was the illustrator behind the *Talisman* graphic novel, co-written by Stephen King and Peter Straub, and 12 Gauge/Image Comic's *The Occult Crimes Taskforce (the O.C.T.)*, co-created by David Atchison and Rosario Dawson. Tony has been an illustrator since 1995. His work has been seen in publications such as *Playboy*, *Communication Arts and Spectrum*, and *The Best In Contemporary Fantastic Art*. His clients have included Coca-Cola, BellSouth, IBM, Siemens, Nascar, Business Week, Hasbro, White Wolf, Shadowrun, Ten Speed Publishing, Picador Publishing, Realms of Fantasy, DC Comics, Boom Studios, Markosia, Devil's Due, Dark Horse, Top Cow, Virgin and Image Comics.

William Shatner

William Shatner gained worldwide fame and became a cultural icon for his portrayal of "Captain James T. Kirk" in TV series *Star Trek* and subsequent feature films. He starred as veteran police officer "T. J. Hooker" in the series of the same name and as "Denny Crane" in the television dramas *The Practice* and *Boston Legal*. He can be seen most recently in the sitcom *$#*! My Dad Says*. In May 2011, he was awarded the Governor General of Canada's Performing Arts Award for Lifetime Artistic Achievement. He recorded a humorous short film, *William Shatner Sings O Canada*, for the occasion.

Mark A. Sheppard

Mark A. Sheppard is a British actor and musician, born in London of an Irish-German background. His television work includes the "Fire" episode of the *X-Files*, a year on the Jerry Bruckheimer action series, *Soldier of Fortune*, guest-star and recurring roles on *CSI*, *The Practice*, *Firefly* as "Badger," *Special Unit 2*, *JAG*, *Star Trek: Voyager*, *The Chronicle*, *Monk*, *Las Vegas*, and *CSI: NY*, among others. He can be seen on various television series, including *Star Trek: Voyager*, *Leverage*, *Chuck*, *Supernatural*, *Warehouse 13*, and most recently as "Canton Everett Delaware III" in BBC's *Doctor Who*.

Bill Sienkiewicz

Bill Sienkiewicz illustrated comics for marvel including *Moon Knight*, *Fantastic Four*, and *New Mutants*. He produced covers for a range of Marvel titles, including *Rom*, *Dazzler*, *The Mighty Thor*, *Return of the Jedi*, and *The Transformers*, and drew the comic adaptation of Dune. Sienkiewicz's own first writing credit was for the painted story *Slow Dancer in Epic Illustrated* magazine. He illustrated the eight-issue miniseries *Elektra: Assassin*. After which, he collaborated with writer Andrew Helfer DC Comics *The Shadow* series. He contributed to the *Brought to Light* graphic novel with writer Alan Moore. Sienkiewicz painted the Classics Illustrated adaptation of the novel *Moby-Dick*. Sienkiewicz penciled *30 Days of Night: Beyond Barrow*. In 2008, Sienkiewicz illustrated a story for *The Nightmare Factory—Volume 2* graphic novel.

Scott Sigler

New York Times bestselling novelist Scott Sigler is the author of *Infected* and *Contagious*, major hardcover thrillers from Crown Publishing. Scott reinvented book publishing when he released Earthcore as the world's first "podcast-only" novel. His next podcast novel, *Ancestor*, drew 30,000 listeners and saw 700,000 episodes downloaded by fans. The buzz caused Sirius Satellite Radio to pick up the novel, making it the first audiobook serialized on the satellite network. When *Ancestor* was released in print from an independent publisher, it tore up the *Amazon.com* charts.

Matthew Silva

Matt Silva is founder and Art Director for Penny Dreadful Productions. He has been a professional make up FX artist for the past four years specializing in prosthetic makeup application. His most recent works include make up FX on AMC's *The Walking Dead* and prosthetics and stunt masks for *Big Momma's House 3*. Matthew is the current Art Director for Whitestone Motion Pictures and was recently awarded Best Production Design by the Doorpost Film Festival for The Candy Shop. Penny Dreadful Productions' costumes, sets, and props have won many. He worked for three years at Netherworld Haunted House as a set and prop builder, slider stunt gear fabricator, and slider stunt actor.

Susan Sizemore

New York Times bestselling author Susan Sizemore was asked to write a media tie-in novel based on the television series *Forever Knight*. Her book, *Forever Knight: A Stirring of Dust*, marked the first time she had written about vampires. This endeavor inspired her to create her own original series about a vampire world. The resulting series, known as *Laws of the Blood*, is a fantasy series with some romantic elements. She has written numerous fantasy and science fiction short stories.

Amanda Louise Spayd

Amanda Spayd, a resident of semi-rural Ohio, is a designer, artist, and fragrance alchemist. Her love of texture, antiques, color, and the natural world, combined with an obsessive attention to detail combine in the creation of her mixed-media sculptures. At once endearing and unsettling, her fabric-and-clay creatures evoke ideas of cast-off children's toys and ill-conceived taxidermy experiments with human teeth.

Brent Spiner

Brent Spiner best known for his portrayal of the beloved android Data on the television series *Star Trek: The Next Generation* began pursuing his interest in acting while in high school. After graduation, Spiner attended the University of Houston and other local colleges, while also launching his professional acting career in theater and film. Spiner established himself as a stage actor in New York, appearing in a number of off-Broadway and Broadway plays such as *A History of the American Film*, *Leave It to Beaver Is Dead*, *Sunday in the Park with George*, and *Big River: The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*. While in New York, he had a bit part in Woody Allen's *Stardust Memories*, and starred in independent film *Rent Control*.

He also starred as "Dr. Brackish Okun" in the film *Independence Day*. In addition to "Data", he played "Dr. Arik Soong" in *Star Trek: Enterprise*. In April 2011, he began starring in *Fresh Hell*, a new comic web series in which he plays a version of himself, attempting to put his career back together after falling out of the limelight.

J. David Spurlock

Spurlock is a prolific, award-winning author, illustrator, and Vanguard publisher, a pop-culture historian and advocate for artists' rights who has served as President of the Society of Illustrators. In addition to representing many of the greatest names in the history of illustration and cartooning including Frank Frazetta, Neal Adams, Jim Steranko, Julius Schwartz, Basil Gogos, Joe Kubert, the Wally Wood Estate, Carmine Infantino, and more. Many of these talents joined Spurlock on the recent Starz network documentary, *Comic Books Unbound*. Works by Spurlock include, *Wally's World: Life & Death of Wally Wood*, *RGK: Art of Roy G. Krenkel*, *The Space Cowboy*, *Frazetta: The Definitive Reference*, *Joe Kubert: Drawing from Life*, and *Paintings of J. Allen St. John*.

Jennifer St. Giles

USA Today bestselling author, Jennifer St. Giles writes contemporary paranormal fiction for Pocket Books and gothic-paranormal historicals. Jennifer has won a number of awards for writing excellence, including two National Reader's Choice Awards, two Maggie Awards, the Daphne du Maurier Award, Romance Writers of America's Golden Heart Award, and RT Book Club's Reviewers' Choice Award for Best Historical Gothic/Mystery of 2006. Her published books include *The Mistress of Trevelyan*, *His Dark Desires*, *Midnight Secrets*, *Touch A Dark Wolf*, *Darkest Dreams*, *The Lure of the Wolf*, *Silken Shadows*, *Kiss of Darkness*, and *Bride of Wolf Book #4*.

Michael Stackpole

Michael A. Stackpole is the *New York Times* bestselling author of over forty novels, including *I, Jedi* and *Rogue Squadron*. He has won awards for his work as a game designer, computer game designer, novelist, editor, podcaster, screenwriter and graphic novelist. In recognition of his work in the realm of skepticism, he had an asteroid named after him. He is the cohost of the *Dragonpage Cover to Cover* podcast and the Executive Director of the Phoenix Skeptics.

He was the first author to have his work offered for sale in the Apple Appstore and is an acknowledged expert in the realm of digital publishing. This is the second year he and Aaron Allston will be offering their writers' workshop at Dragon*Con.

Cat Staggs

Cat Staggs joined the *Star Wars*/Lucasfilm family in 2004, and illustrated over 130 cards for the *Star Wars: Revenge of the Sith* card set for Topps. The highly collectible artist's sketch cards brought Staggs into the forefront of *Star Wars* fandom. Having produced exclusive prints for Star Wars Celebrations III, IV, and Europe, Cat has also contributed drawing tutorials and Halloween masks articles to the kid's section, and illustrated short fiction for *StarWars.com*. Not content to only play in that galaxy far, far away, Cat's work has also been featured on *The Lord of the Rings Evolution* and *Masterpieces* card sets, and three sets featuring Indiana Jones for Topps. Further cementing her reputation among collectors and fellow artists, her distinctive work can also be seen on Rittenhouse Archives' *Complete Marvel Avengers*, *X-Men Archives*, and *DC Legacy* card sets, as well as *The World's Finest VS* trading card game for Upperdeck.

Jim Starlin

Best known for his epic space operas, multiple award winning writer and artist Jim Starlin is best known for his revamp of Marvel Comics characters Captain Marvel and Adam Warlock. He is the creator of *The Infinity Gauntlet* mini-series in which titan Thanos assembles the Infinity Gauntlet in order to prove his love of Death. Due to his frequent themes of death and suicide he is often referred to as the "Grim Reaper of Comics."

Peter Steigerwald

Peter Steigerwald began his career working for Top Cow Productions and is currently the co-owner of Aspen Comics as well as a renowned colorist and artist. Peter is best known for his artistic pairing with Michael Turner, founder of Aspen Comics, as Michael's colorist on many covers and projects. Peter has colored or drawn for all of Aspen's titles, most notably *Fathom* and *Soulfire*, and also provides designs and occasionally writes. In addition to his work for Aspen he has colored for Marvel Comics on such titles as *Hulk, Ultimatum, Fallen Son and Civil War*, and for DC Comics on *Superman/Batman, Identity Crisis, Justice League of America, Flash, Green Lantern: Rebirth*, and *Rann/Thanagar War*. Steigerwald has also contributed to the webcomics for the NBC hit show *Heroes*.

Jeanne C. Stein

Jeanne Stein's first novel, *The Becoming*, was a Barnes & Noble national bestseller. It was published first by ImaJinn Books, a small Colorado publisher, then picked up by Berkley. *BloodDrive*, the second in the Anna Strong series, was released by Berkley in June 2007, and *Watcher*, the third, in December 2007. The fourth in the series, *Legacy*, hit the shelves in Sept. 2008. She also has a story in an anthology titled *Many Bloody Returns*, edited by Charlaine Harris and Toni L.P. Kelner, which debuted at #30 on the *New York Times* bestseller list in September 2007. A short story called "Better Lucky Than Good" appeared in the anthology *At The Scene of the Crime*, edited by Dana Stabenow.

Brian Stelfreeze

Brian Stelfreeze has the distinction of painting over fifty consecutive *Batman: Shadow of the Bat* covers. His other covers for DC, Marvel, and various other publishers are beyond the ability of most people to count. He has, over the last few years, turned his attention to interiors, turning out books like *Matador* (with Devin Grayson), *Gun Candy, The Ride: Die Valkyrie!*, and *Domino*. His work has been seen in numerous *X-Men* and *Batman* books, as well as *The Midnighter* for Wildstorm and *Angelus* for Top Cow. Soon, he'll be out there again with the "Demon/Catwoman" feature in Wednesday Comics, as well as *Jonah Hex*.

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Graphic artist, comic book writer, art-historian, magician, publisher, and film production illustrator Jim Steranko is best known for his work with the 1960s superspy feature *Nick Fury, Agent of S.H.I.E.L.D.* in Marvel Comics' *Strange Tales*. He earned lasting acclaim for his innovations in sequential art during the Silver Age of comic books, particularly his infusion of surrealism and graphic design into the medium. In 2006, he was inducted into the Will Eisner Comic Book Hall of Fame.

S. M. Stirling

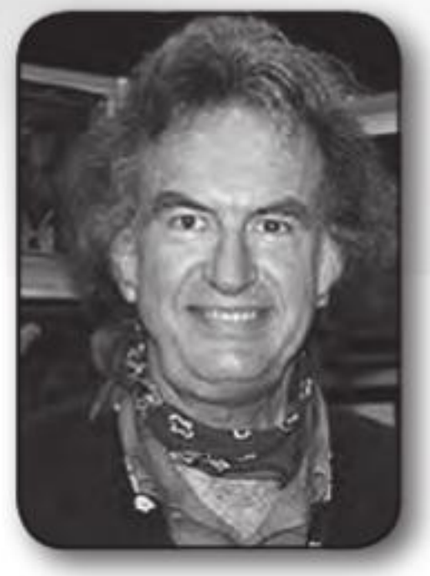
With interests ranging from martial arts to history to anthropology and archaeology, S. M. Stirling is the award winning alternate history/time travel author of the *Draka* series, the *Island in the Sea of Time* trilogy, the *Nantucket* series, and *Emberverse* series. *The Council of Shadows* (*Shadowspawn Series*) was released in May 2011. His newest novel, *The Tears of the Sun* (*Emberverse Series*) is due out in September 2011.

Karl Story

Karl Story inks, and inks, and inks, and that makes him one of the most sought-after inkers in comics. He's carved out a vast body of work on *Nightwing*, *Batman*, *Star Trek*, *Aliens Vs. Predator*, *X-Men*, and *Tom Strong*, among many others.Over the last few years, he's put his ink-stained hands on *Terra Obscura*, *Ocean*, *The American Way*, *Ex Machina*, *Number of the Beast*, and DC's *Decisions*. And check out his latest stuff on *Tom Strong*, *Ultimate X-Men*, and *Uncanny X-Men*.

William Stout

William Stout began to assist Russ Manning in 1971 on the *Tarzan of the Apes* newspaper strips and graphic novels. Stout joined Harvey Kurtzman and Will Elder on *Little Annie Fanny* for *Playboy*. Buck Rogers saw the beginning of Stout's film career. Stout has worked on over thirty-five films, including both *Conan* films, *First Blood*, and *Raiders of the Lost Ark*. *Return of the Living Dead* made Stout the youngest production designer in film history. He designed the *Predator* and the big bug in *Men In Black*.



His work for *Pan's Labyrinth* and *The Prestige* helped garner those films three Academy Award nominations (winning two for *Pan's Labyrinth*). He is slated to work on Guillermo del Toro's *At The Mountains of Madness* and Frank Darabont's *Fahrenheit 451*.

Bantam Books published Stout's masterwork *The New Dinosaurs*, followed by Ray Bradbury's *Dinosaur Tales* and *The Little Blue Brontosaurus* (the basis for *The Land Before Time*).

Laurie S. Sutton

Laurie S. Sutton was an editor at Marvel and DC Comics, and went on to write Young Adult novels about superheroes. Laurie is the author of *Sword of the Dragon*, *Gorilla Warfare*, and *Light Equals Might for Stone Arch Books*. Two new titles in 2011 include *The Mirror King* and *Fear the Shark*. Laurie S. Sutton is also known for her *Star Trek* comics—*Star Trek: Voyager for Marvel*, *Star Trek: DS9* for Malibu, and on the original run of *Star Trek* comics for DC. Laurie was one of the three founding editors of Epic Comics. Laurie's expertise and interest in Science Fiction and Fantasy then led her to take on the landmark graphic novel editions of Lynn Abbey and Robert Asprin's *Thieves' World*.

S. Andrew Swann

S. Andrew Swann is the pen name of Steven Swiniarski. He's married and lives in the Greater Cleveland area where he has lived all of his adult life. Many of his novels are set in and around the Cleveland, Ohio area. He has published twenty-two novels over the past eighteen years, which include science fiction, fantasy and horror. His latest SF novel, released by DAW Books in February 2011, is *Messiah*, the third volume in his epic space opera, the *Apotheosis Trilogy*. S. Andrew Swann has been nominated for several awards, such as the Phillip K. Dick Award and the Prometheus Award.

Bruce Tango

Bruce Tango has been interested in the Paranormal and hunting for ghost since he was 16 years old. This was during a time when ghost hunting wasn't talked about much. He is responsible for his son, SYFY's *Ghost Hunters* star Dave Tango getting into the field. Bruce has been seen many times on *Ghost Hunters* investigating with his son and the rest of the team. Bruce is a great and fun guy to talk to and has some great stories to share. He actively searches for locations to be considered for the show. Bruce, having had near death experiences, is searching for answers to many questions involving ghosts and the paranormal.

Dave Tango

Dave Tango travels throughout the world investigating places said to be haunted. He is the youngest member of the *Ghost Hunters* team. He has been interested in the paranormal and ghosts since he was a little boy.

He loves creating music and art, working out, photography, magic, and people. Dave has a very big heart and loves to be around good people. One of his main goals in life is to educate people on the subject of Tourette Syndrome, which he has had since he was a little boy. He is always trying to raise funds for research. Dave has been an inspiration to many people, especially the young ones, who can see that they can succeed in life despite having this affliction.

Amanda Tapping

Best known for portraying "Samantha Carter" in the television series *Stargate SG-1*, *Stargate Atlantis*, and *Stargate Universe*, actress, producer, and director, Amanda Tapping is currently starring as "Dr. Helen Magnus" in the series *Sanctuary*. In 2007, she won a Canadian Comedy Award for Best Actress for her role in the short film *Breakdown*.

Jonathan Tarbox

While working for NFL Japan, Jonathan was recruited to join the staff of Coamix Inc., the publisher of *Weekly Comics Bunch*, as the senior editor of their manga magazine for the North American market, *Raijin Comics*. He oversaw translation, design, and production for this weekly 200-page magazine, the first of its kind in North America. As Senior Editor for the full line of Raijin Comics, Jonathan managed a team of translators, writers, designers, and editors who produced trade paperbacks including *Fist of the North Star*, *Slam Dunk*, and *City Hunter*. In 2004, Jonathan joined Wildstorm Productions to manage CMX, a new manga line for DC Comics. He oversaw the creation and production of the manga line, and produced over twenty volumes of graphic novels, including *Gals*, *Land of the Blindfolded*, and *Tenjho Tenge*. Jonathan formed Arashi Productions, a manga and anime production company. His clients include DC Comics and Viz Media.

Howard Taylor

Anthony Taylor is the author of *Arctic Adventure!*, an official *Thunderbirds* novel based on the iconic British television series by Gerry and Sylvia Anderson. He's also written *Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea: The Complete Series—Volume 2*, which includes reprints of the vintage Gold Key comic book stories, and *The Future was FAB: The Art of Mike Trim*, chronicling artist Mike Trim's career designing models and special effects for *Thunderbirds*, *Captain Scarlet*, *UFO*, and illustrating the cover for Jeff Wayne's musical *War of the Worlds* album. Online, Anthony writes "Sleighted: The Vintage Magic Blog", which covers all aspects of vintage magic, magicians, and the culture of retro theatrical magic from sleight of hand to grand illusion. Anthony also designed and co-edited *CultTVMan's Ultimate Modeling Guide to the Jupiter II* as well as *CultTVMan's Ultimate Modeling Guide to Classic Sci-Fi Movies*.

Jason Thomas

Red Rocket Farm is home to the robot, spaceship, raygun world of artist Jason Thomas. Painted with acrylics on layered birch and pine, each handcrafted robot has its own story. Jason does free drawings of robots and monsters. Over a thousand people from around the country have received a live drawing of a robot or monster that they helped imagine. Each drawing takes about two minutes and provides an experience that will be long remembered. Jason is also the creator of the web series *Cradle Me Sky*—a heartfelt, animated comedy set in the depths of space.

Lea Thompson

Best known for as "Caroline" in the sitcom *Caroline in the City*, and as "Lorraine Baines McFly" in the *Back to the Future* trilogy, Lea Thompson other blockbuster roles included parts in *Red Dawn*, *Some Kind of Wonderful*, and *Jaws 3D*. She can be seen most recently as "Kathryn Kennish" on the television series *Switched at Birth*.

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Robin Thorsen

Robin Thorsen is a recent graduate of Chapman University in Orange with a BA in Theatre Arts, and an AA from Marymount College in Rancho Palos Verdes. While at school, she appeared as Julia in *Lend Me a Tenor*, Ethel in *Moon Over Buffalo*, Lala in *The Last Night at Ballyhoo*, Kate in *Ladies in Waiting*, and the Nurse in *Romeo and Juliet*. She has also appeared in *Grease*, *Brigadoon*, *Damn Yankees*, and *Arsenic and Old Lace*. Robin was twice awarded an Irene Ryan nomination to the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival for her comedy performances. Theatre and film have been Robin's passion for as long as she can remember. She is thrilled to have been chosen to play Clara Beane in *The Guild*.

Rob Thurman

Rob Thurman is a *New York Times* bestselling author currently writing three series for Penguin Putnam's imprint *Roc Fantasy*: *The Cal Leandros Novels*, *The Trickster Novels*, and the *Chimera Novels*. She has written eight books to date and is releasing two more in 2011. Although she does not write Young Adult, her first urban fantasy book in *The Cal Leandros Series*, *Nightlife*, has received a 2011 Eliot Rosewater Award Nomination for Excellence in High School Libraries rather to her bemusement as she'd be the first to say her books are not for younger teens. Rob's work is dark, non-stop action from beginning to end, rife with purely evil sarcasm as sharp as a switchblade and probably nearly as illegal. If one shoved *Lord of the Rings*, *The Shining*, and *Pulp Fiction* into a wood-chipper, the result would be what Rob aims to deliver in her dark urban fantasy novels.

Tony Todd

Known for his height (6' 5") and deep voice, actor Tony Todd is best known for his role as "Candyman" in the horror movie franchise *Candyman*. His film credits include *Night of the Living Dead*, *The Crow*, *Wishmaster*, the *Final Destination* series, and the voice of "The Fallen" in *Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen*. Known for his role as Worf's brother "Kurn" in *Star Trek: The Next Generation*, he currently is seen as "General Whitman" in the television series, *The Event*.

Todo

Todo is a talented artist that works in multiple mediums from pen and pencil to 3D, Digital, Oil, Airbrush and tattooing. He's been published since 1990 from TV, artist books like *Pint Size Paintings*, *Rolling Stone*, *Cranial Visions*, and artist features in a variety of tattooing magazines. Since his tattoo career has hit a mastering level in reproducing photo realism on skin, his paintings have reached a level of their own. Todo is the type of artist that can attack anything and introduce a style of his own. 3D work is another avenue that he uses to perfect depth and color combination which helps him push the envelope to further his signature creations. Tattooing is his current love but surrealism, bio organic, steam punk, Gothic and character creations are his future. Todo has been a professional artist since the early 80's and is seasoned on many levels. Currently you can find him running his own studio in McDonough Georgia called ABT Tattoo where he professionalizes in realism, portraits movie scenes and bio mech.

James Tolkan

Fiery, forceful and intimidating character actor James Tolkan has carved out a nice little niche for himself in both movies and television alike as a formidable portrayer of fierce and flinty hard-boiled tough guy types. Short and bald, with beady, intense eyes, a wiry, compact, muscular build, a gruff, jarring, high-decibel voice, and an aggressive, confrontational, blunt-as-a-battle-ax, rough-around-the-edges demeanor, Tolkan has been often cast as rugged, cynical no-nonsense cops, mean, domineering authority figures, and various ruthless and dangerous criminals. Best known as the obnoxiously overzealous high school principal Strickland in the *Back to the Future* films, Tolkan's other most memorable roles include Napolean in Woody Allen's *Love and Death*, a ramrod army officer in *WarGames*, the hard-nosed Stinger in *Top Gun*, the choleric Detective Lubric in *Masters of the Universe*, meek mob accountant Numbers in *Dick Tracy*, and Wesley Snipes' bullish superior in *Boiling Point*.

Michael Trevino

Michael Trevino played the role of Jackson Meade, heir to Meade Milk, in the Disney Channel Original Movie *Cow Belles*. He has also appeared as a guest star on *Cold Case*, *Without a Trace*, *Bones*, and *Commander in Chief*. Trevino also had a recurring role on *The Riches* on FX, playing high school student, Brent, in a four episode story arc in Season 1, and appeared in the third episode of Season 2. He played the role of Jaime Vega on the short-lived 2007 television series Cane. Trevino was cast as the character Ozzie, a student at West Beverly Hills High School, for a three episode arc on the CW's *90210*. He played the part of Naomi's guy crush for the week. Trevino now stars as Tyler Lockwood in the hit series *The Vampire Diaries* on The CW.

Koi Turnbull

Koi Turnbull started his career as a comic artist doing work for DC Comics. However, Koi's big break appeared at the Wizard World Chicago convention. Koi was able to show his samples to Aspen MLT's Vice President of Publishing, Peter Steigerwald, and Executive Vice President, Frank Mastromauro. The two vice presidents liked Turnbull's work so much that they asked him to call back the week following Wizard World Chicago so that they might discuss possible employment. Koi soon became the artist for multiple Fathom comic series, drawn to them by their lack of superhero characters. Koi has since worked mostly with writer J. T. Krul, Aspen's main script writer. He is soon to be the new artist for *Batman* and the *Outsiders*, as well as illustrating an upcoming story in *Superman Confidential*.

James Urbaniak

One of James Urbaniak's first noteworthy roles was in Richard Foreman's *The Universe*, for which he won an Obie. He has been acclaimed for his acting in the films *Henry Fool*, and *American Splendor* and the play, *Thom Pain*. He provides the voice for "Dr. Thaddeus Venture" on *The Venture Bros.*, as well as the Doctor's brother, "Jonas Venture Junior," and the super-villain "Phantom Limb."

Boris Vallejo

Born in Peru, Boris Vallejo attended the National School of Fine Arts in his native country before immigrating to the U.S. He has since done a great volume of work for the fantasy field, having worked for virtually every major publishing house with a science fiction/fantasy line. Boris has also illustrated for album covers, video box art and motion picture advertising.

Mark L. Van Name

Mark L. Van Name is a writer, technologist, and spoken word performer. As a science fiction author, he has published four novels, *One Jump Ahead*, *Slanted Jack*, *Overthrowing Heaven*, and *Children No More*, as well as an omnibus collection of his first two books, *Jump Gate Twist*. Mark has also edited or co-edited three anthologies, *Intersections: The Sycamore Hill Anthology*, *Transhuman*, and *The Wild Side*, and written many short stories. Those stories have appeared in a wide variety of books and magazines, including Asimov's *Science Fiction Magazine*, many original anthologies, and *The Year's Best Science Fiction*. He is the CEO of a fact-based marketing and technology assessment firm, Principled Technologies, Inc. He has worked with computer technology for his entire professional career and has published over a thousand articles in the computer trade press, as well as a broad assortment of essays and reviews.

Ann VanderMeer

Ann VanderMeer is the founder of the award-winning Buzzcity Press and currently serves as the Editor-in-Chief for *Weird Tales*, the oldest fantasy magazine in the world, for which she recently received a Hugo award. She has also been nominated for the World Fantasy award and the Shirley Jackson award. Work from her press has won the British Fantasy Award, the International Rhysling Award, the IHG Award, and appeared in several year's best anthologies. A guest editor for Best American Fantasy, she is currently co-editing the following anthologies: *Steampunk Reloaded*, *The Leonardo Variations*, and *A Compendium of Dark and Imaginative Fictions*. Her latest is the humorous book *The Kosher Guide to Imaginary Animals*.

Jeff VanderMeer

Jeff VanderMeer is a two-time World Fantasy Award winner and nine-time finalist. He's also been a finalist for every major SF/F award, including the Hugo Award and Philip K. Dick Award. He is currently working on the definitive SF/F writing book *Shared Worlds/Single Vision* and his definitive guide to steampunk, *The Steampunk Bible*e. He also recently contributed to *Halo Evolutions*, with his novella being turned into an 11-episode motion comic for release this summer by Blizzard/Microsoft. The rock band *Murder by Death* wrote a soundtrack to his latest novel, *Finch*.

Laura Vandervoort

Actress Laura Vandervoort is best known for her roles as "Kara Zor-El (Supergirl)" in the television series *Smallville*, "Sadie Harrison" on *Instant Star*, and "Lisa" in *V*. Her television guest appearances include *Goosebumps*, *Are You Afraid of the Dark*, *Mutant X*, *The Dresden Files*, and *Family Guy*. She is currently working as "Tanya" in the Seth MacFarlane film, *Ted*, due out in 2012.

Debbie Viguié

Debbie Viguié is the *New York Times* bestselling author of over a dozen novels including the *Wicked* series and the new *Crusade* series co-authored with Nancy Holder. *Damned*, the latest book in the *Crusade* series is out now. Much of Debbie's writing has a dark edge to it, including her retold fairy tales, her latest being *Violet Eyes*, a retelling of *The Princess and the Pea*. In addition to her epic dark fantasy work Debbie also writes thrillers including *The Psalm 23 Mysteries* and the upcoming *Kiss* trilogy.

Dexter Vines

Dexter Vines is an American comic book artist and inker. He is most well-known for being one half of the "eDex" team, along with artist Ed McGuinness. Vines is an Atlanta native and is one of the comic industries' most respected inkers, having worked on a multitude of titles for both Marvel and DC. Titles he has worked on include Marvel's big 2007 summer event *Civil War and Wolverine: Old Man Logan*.

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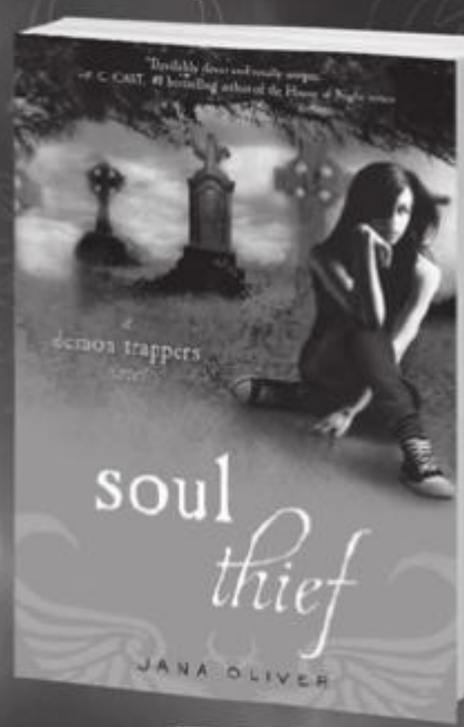

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Nana Visitor is best known for playing "Kira Nerys" in the television series *Star Trek: Deep Space Nine* and "Jean Ritter" in the television series Wildfire. She also had a recurring role as villain "Dr. Elizabeth Renfro" on the TV series *Dark Angel*. She is due to appear in *Torchwood: Miracle Day* in July 2011.

Widgett Walls

Widgett Walls is the chief cook and bottle washer of *Needcoffee.com*, which won the 2006 Bloggie for Best Kept Secret Weblog. He has served in this position since the site's creation in 1998. He also worked as an editor, content creator, and janitor for the now defunct Corona's Coming Attractions from 1997 to 2001. He has managed to publish two books over the objections of authorities, the straight fiction novel *Mystics on the Road to Vanishing Point* and the dark fantasy short story collection *Magnificent Desolation*.

Garrett Wang

Garrett Richard Wang graduated from Harding Academy High School in Memphis, Tennessee. He then moved to Los Angeles to attend UCLA and study Asian culture. While there, he was encouraged by a professor to study theater.

His work includes *Star Trek: Of Gods and Men*, *Into the West* (TV miniseries), *Demon Island*, *Star Trek: Voyager Elite Force* (video game), *The Auteur Theory*, *Hundred Percent*, *Ivory Tower*, *Angry Cafe*, *Flesh Suitcase*, and of course *Star Trek: Voyager*. He is currently the Star Trek Track Director for Dragon*Con.

Jean Marie Ward

Jean Marie Ward writes fiction, nonfiction, and everything in between. Her first novel, *With Nine You Get Vanyr* (written with the late Teri Smith), finaled in two categories of the 2008 Indie Book Awards. *Here Be Dragons: Tales of Dragon*Con* features one of her stories. *Fantasy Art Templates*, her latest nonfiction project, will be published in 2010.

Other credits include editing the respected web magazine Crescent Blues for eight years, and bylines in periodicals as diverse as *Science Fiction Weekly* and *Romance Writers Report*. She is the author of Illumina: *The Art of Jean Pierre Targete*. Her story, "Most Dead Bodies in a Confined Space," appears in the Prime Books anthology *Strange Pleasures 2*.

Rebecca Watson

Rebecca keeps busy leading a team of skeptical female activists at Skepchick.org, co-hosting the weekly podcast *The Skeptics' Guide to the Universe*, hosting her public radio show *Curiosity, Aroused*, producing pin-up calendars, and attending rock shows. She lives in Boston, Massachusetts, where she works as a writer in order to fund her hardcore skepticism habit. There is currently an asteroid orbiting the sun with her name on it. She does nothing in moderation and hopes it shows.

Brent Weeks

Brent Weeks started writing on bar napkins, then on lesson plans, then full time. Eventually, someone paid him for it. Brent is the *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Black Prism*. His other works include *The Night Angel Trilogy*, which is published internationally in fourteen languages.

Toni Weisskopf

Toni Weisskopf succeeded Jim Baen as publisher of Baen Books, a leading publisher of sf and fantasy, in 2006. She has worked with such authors as David Weber, David Drake, Lois McMaster Bujold, Eric Flint, John Ringo, Sarah A. Hoyt, Larry Corriea, and many others. With Josepha Sherman she compiled and annotated the definitive volume of subversive children's folklore, *Greasy Grimy Gopher Guts*, published by August House. For Baen she's edited three original hard sf anthologies: *Cosmic Stories: Adventures in Sol System*, *Cosmic Stories: Adventures in Far Futures*, and *Transhuman*, with science fiction author Mark L. Van Name.

Wil Wheaton

Wil Wheaton's successful acting career began in 1986 with acclaimed roles in *Stand By Me* and *Toy Soldiers*. He continued to build his resume through his teen years as series regular "Wesley Crusher" on *Star Trek: The Next Generation* and opposite Robin Williams in *Flubber*. But Wil is much more than just an actor; he's an author, blogger, voice actor, widely-followed original Twitter user, and a champion of geek culture. Wil currently splits his time between acting and writing. He has recurring roles on SyFy's hit series *Eureka*, TNT's *Leverage*, and on CBS's *The Big Bang Theory*. He has recently appeared as Axis of Anarchy leader Fawkes in Felicia Day's smash hit webseries *The Guild*. As an author, all of his books grew out of Wil's immensely popular, award-winning weblog, which he created at WIL WHEATON dot NET and currently maintains at WIL WHEATON dot NET: in Exile.

Walter Jon Williams

Walter Jon Williams is the author of twenty-eight novels and three collections of short fiction. He has twice won the Nebula Award. His latest work is *Deep State*, a near-future thriller set in the world of alternate reality gaming. Walter has also written for the screen and for television, and has worked in the gaming field. He was a writer for the alternate reality game *Last Call Poker*, and has scripted the recent mega-hit *Spore*.

C. L. Wilson

C. L. Wilson is an award winning *New York Times* and *USA Today* bestselling author of a cross-genre series that combines sword and sorcery fantasy with romance. Her first novel, *Lord of the Fading Lands*, debuted on the *USA Today* bestseller list in October 2007, and each subsequent book in her *Tairen Souls* series has gone on to hit the *New York Times* list.

Her novels have won numerous prestigious writing awards, including two coveted National Reader's Choice Awards, the HOLT Medallion, the Colorado Award of Excellence, the Golden Quill, the Gayle Wilson Award of Excellence, and numerous others. She was voted by the members of ParaNormal Romance as the best debut author of 2007, and by *LifetimeTV.com*'s Michelle Buonfiglio as the best paranormal debut novelist of 2007.

Sam Witwer

Sam Witwer appeared in his first major film role, *The Mist* as Wayne Jessup. He is best known to audiences for his recurring roles as Crashdown on the popular series *Battlestar Galactica* and Neil Perry on the edge showtime series *Dexter*, and most as the highly acclaimed character Doomsday, on CW's *Smallville*. His other television credits include guest appearances on *Bones*, *Star Trek: New Voyages*, *Navy NCIS*, *Dragnet*, *Cold Case*, *TAG*, and *ER*. Witwer can most recently be seen on *Being Human*, playing the vampire Aidan. A lifetime *Star Wars* fan, Sam appeared as Darth Vader's secret apprentice, Starkiller/Galen Marek and as Darth Sidious, in the massively successful multimedia project *Star Wars: The Force Unleashed*, providing both his voice and likeness to the games lead character across all of the mediums.

Bernie Wrightson

Legendary artist Bernie Wrightson has been creating creature artwork for over thirty years. Best known for co-creating the comic book character *Swamp Thing*, and for definitively illustrating Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein*, he also collaborates regularly with author Stephen King, having illustrated *The Stand*, *Cycle of the Werewolf*, and the *Dark Tower V*. He did production design for the Reavers in the 2005 film *Serenity*.

Janny Wurts

Through her career as a novelist and her background in the trade as a cover artist, Janny Wurts has immersed herself in a lifelong ambition: to create a seamless interface between words and pictures that explores imaginative realms beyond the world we know. She has authored eighteen books, including a hardbound collection of short stories, and has published over thirty contributions to fantasy and science fiction anthologies. Her novels and stories have been translated worldwide, with most editions bearing her own jacket and interior art.

She has received three Chesley awards, and three times won Best In Show at the World Fantasy Convention. An art calendar from Tide-mark Press was released in 2010, titled *Janny Wurts, Myth and Magic*.

Derek Yaniger

Lemme clue ya' to what Derek's been up to these most recent dims n'brights. He's makin' art like no-tomorrow-style. This cat's got a long history of scratchin' out art for lots of king-sized bigwigs like Marvel Comics and Cartoon Network. But nowadays he strictly digs the gigs that let him beat his own bongos. He gets a large charge creatin' art for a whole heap of way-out events such as the *Tiki Oasis*, *The Rock n' Roll Monster Bash*, *The Hukilau*, and even *Spain's Wild Weekend!* He's also laid out art for several righteous rags like *Barracuda*, *1313*, *Atomic*, and *Tiki Magazine*. Korero Books in London released a collection of Derek's retro art entitled *Wildsville*, the art of Derek Yaniger, and shortly thereafter, *Tiki Mugs*, which features a heapin' helpin' of Derek's mid-century tiki art as well as several tiki mugs he's designed for *Tiki Farm* and *Munktiki*.

Chelsea Quinn Yarbro

The first woman to be named a Living Legend by the International Horror Guild, Chelsea Quinn Yarbro is best known as the creator of the heroic vampire, the Count Saint-Germain. She has published over eighty books and more than seventy shorter works in a wide range of genres: science fictiion, mystery, fantasy, western, young adult, horror, and non-fiction. Her *Saint-Germain* series of historical horror novels, now on book 24, is the longest-running single-author vampire series in the English language. She received the Grand Master award from the World Horror Association.

Steven Yeun

Steven Yeun is a Korean-born American actor. Yeun is currently starring in the role as Glenn in AMC's original series, *The Walking Dead* since 2010. Other than *The Walking Dead*, Yeun guest starred in the critically acclaimed American sit-com, *The Big Bang Theory*, as Sebastian in 2010, an independent film, and a couple shorts. He has also completed voice work for the *Crysis* video game series.

Aimee Zaffis

Aimee never thought she'd join her dad in the business, but her love of history and antiques drove her into the paranormal field. Aimee's focus is on research, as well as helping her mom Cheryl with the day-to-day operations in the office. No longer apprehensive, Aimee loves working with her family, and helping families who are being tormented by hauntings.

Chris Zaffis

Chris Zaffis is part of the paranormal crew supporting his father John Zaffis on *Haunted Collector* on the SyFy Channel. Chris has been fascinated with the supernatural and the occult since he was seven years old, so it's no wonder he's followed in his dad's footsteps. Chris joins John in his investigations, and handles all the high-tech gadgetry involved in detecting the exact location and, ultimately, the specific object causing the problem. In some areas, his knowledge of the supernatural realm surpasses his father's, and one day he'll know more than his old man... but not yet.

John Zaffis

John Zaffis has over thirty-five years in the paranormal field. John has appeared on many televison shows, radio shows and at many conventions. He speaks about being in this field, his book and what he has experienced first hand. Today he lectures to colleges and universities all over the United States trying to inform people on the reality of the paranormal field. He lectures about exorcism, possession, poltergeist and haunted artifacts removed from cases. John has been a guest on both SyFY's *Ghost Hunters*, and The Travel Channel's *Ghost Adventureres*. His second DVD was just released based on his haunted museum.

Thomas F. Zahler

Thom Zahler is the creator of the critically acclaimed, Harvey-nominated *Love and Capes*. Zahler self-published the first thirteen issues before being picked-up by IDW, who also published two *Love and Capes* collections. His artwork has been seen in the nationwide Prilosec advertising campaign, in countless magazines and newspapers all across the country, and in the pages of numerous comic books. He has won awards for both his graphic design and illustration work. He has drawn silly things and been paid by Marvel Comics, The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, and the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo. For five years, he was the writer and artist of the Cleveland Indians' "Slider" comic strip. He has written and drawn three graphic novels: *Raider: From the Shadows*, *Raider: A Cold Day in Heaven*, and *Raider: Dead Men's Tales*.

Timothy Zahn

Hugo Award winner science fiction author Timothy Zahn is known for novels of military science fiction featuring complicated characters that often face moral dilemmas, usually between humans and alien cultures. The author of eight *Star Wars Expanded Universe* novels, his *New York Times* bestselling *Thrawn* trilogy marked a revival of the *Star Wars* franchise. In addition to his *Star Wars* novels, he is the author of the influential young adult series, *Dragonback*, and the epic space opera, the *Conquerors' Trilogy*.

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In April of 2010, they released their debut album Wait for My Signal on Surrounded by Light Records to critical and popular acclaim. In just under two years the band has gone from unknown local act to headlining packed weekend shows in Atlanta's notorious underground rock and dance venues.

Their ultra-high-energy live shows have generated a city-wide buzz based on their unique guitar work, pounding rhythms, and their one-of-a-kind custom built and programed light rig. They were also awarded Readers' Choice Award for Best New Music Act in The Creative Loafing's Best of Atlanta (2009) as well as numerous slots opening for national touring acts and a die-hard local fan base.

They spent the back half of 2010 throwing massive dance parties at home in Atlanta and relentlessly touring the southeast. They are currently busy writing their second album, which promises to be a dirty, danceable record full of the quirky guitars and blasting dance beats that critics and fans alike expect from this Atlanta stand-out.

Ayria

Toronto based Jennifer Parkin is a performer, singer, songwriter, mathematician and the creator of her own solo electronic music project Ayria. Jennifer Parkin has become a bit of an icon in the underground electronic and industrial music scene with her unique writing, singing and performing style and music with an in-your-face sonic approach that combines electro, synth-pop, industrial, 80's dance, distorted gritty beats and synths, haunting melodies contrasted with angry distorted chanting all wrapped up with pop structures and catchy hooks. Jennifer started Ayria in 2003 and instantly shook the foundation of the electro and industrial scene by mixing her unique darker underground music style with striking pink feminine visuals. Jennifer began this journey while finishing up a Bachelor of Mathematics from the University of Waterloo and always having been interested in science and science fiction, has tried to incorporate elements of this into Ayria influence.

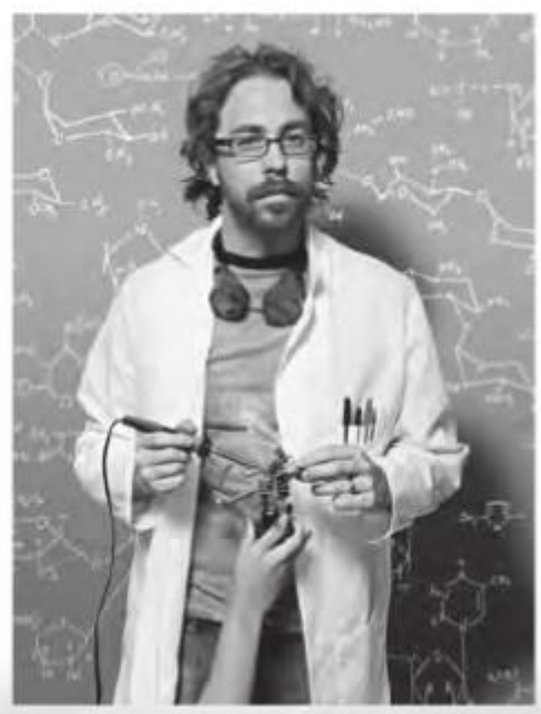
Bella Morte

Bella Morte sings songs of love and loss, hope and despair. By combining electronics, graveyard ballads, emotive storytelling, and unique guitar riffs, Bella Morte has developed a style that is solely their own. They have released two EPs and seven full-length albums, the latest (titled Before the Flood) released in 2011 by Metropolis Records. As the band continues to tour the world and write new material, they remain eternally thankful to have been able to make a living doing what they love: singing songs about the dead and winning over the hearts of the living along the way.

Chad Vader

Chad Vader—the internet series about Darth Vader's younger brother who managers a grocery store—made a big viral splash in 2006, quickly becoming one of the most viewed series on Youtube. Since then it has gotten over fifty million views and has been featured on Good Morning America and in the New York Times as well as on Comedy Central and Spike TV. Matt Sloan, the voice of Chad Vader, now does the voice of Darth Vader for Lucasarts videogames (The Force Unleashed) and television (Deal or No Deal). Chad Vader is still going strong in its 3rd season and entertaining fans worldwide.

Jonathan Coulton



Jonathan Coulton is a musician, a singer-songwriter, and an internet superstar. Known for his songs about geek culture and his use of the internet to draw fans, his most popular songs are "Re: Your Brains" and "Still Alive." From 2005 until 2006, he ran Thing a Week, in which he produced a new song every week and released it for free as a podcast for an entire year. In May 2010, Coulton announced he would be working on a new album, to be produced by John Flansburgh of They Might Be Giants, and for the first time ever with a full band, including Marty Beller of They Might Be Giants, in a professional recording studio. In 2011, he followed up the success of "Still Alive" (Portal) with a new song at the end of Portal 2, "Want You Gone."

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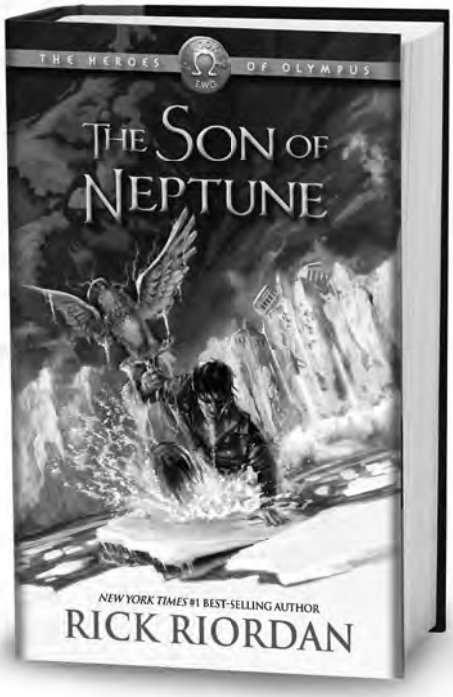

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For over twenty years, Nicole Harsch and Mike Sakuta have been performing the Crossed Swords Stage Combat Shows across the U.S. and Canada. They teach stage combat and have been fight directors for renaissance festivals and many historical plays including Hamlet, Camelot, Robin Hood, and Romeo & Juliet, and can be seen as performers in two nationally syndicated TV documentaries shown recently on cable stations TBS and A&E.

Crüxshadows

One of the most notable Dark-wave bands internationally, The Crüxshadows started in the early 1990s in a little town in North Florida. Over the last 17 years, their success among fans of gothic, ebm, new wave, and dark electronic music has contributed to their near-legendary status in the underground/counterculture scene. The band's dark electronic rock and introspective lyrics quickly earned them a fan base beyond the United States, particularly in Europe. With a constant and ambitious release schedule and a dizzying live performance itinerary, they have turned conventional music industry wisdom upside down, while still remaining at the top.

A blend of new wave, gothic, pop, rock, and electronica, the band's unique and often catchy songs have become staples of the dark wave, EBM, and electro-alternative scene. One of the most popular dark-wave bands internationally, the Crüxshadows started in the early 1990's in a little town in North Florida. Over the last fifteen years their success among the gothic, EBM, new wave, and dark electronic genres has earned them a near legendary underground status. The band's dark electronic rock and introspective lyrics quickly earned them a fan base beyond the United States, particularly in Europe. With a constant and ambitious release schedule, and a dizzying live performance itinerary, they have turned conventional wisdom on its ear and maintained their position among the scenes elite from each year to the next.

The Crüxshadows were the first band from the Gothic genre to receive permission to play in China, and in 2007 they became one of only a handful of western alternative bands to perform at the Greenpeace Midi Open-air Festival in Beijing. In recent years, they have had several alternative chart toppers in Western Europe, and their festival shows have drawn audiences in excess of 20,000 people.

DJs/VJs

DJ Nemesis

Mastering the beat in his early teens, this drummer-turned-DJ honed his craft for the next decade in Industrial, Heavy Metal, and Glam Rock bands including Planet Psycho, FUSEBOX, and The Glitterdome Allstar Band.

DJ Spider

Primarily a Goth/industrial DJ with a healthy dose of 80s and electro, DJ Spider has spun a variety of formats over the years. She returned to the decks in 2001, and it has been non-stop ever since.

DJ/VJ Anthony

DJ Anthony started out as a DJ in the Tampa Goth/industrial scene over twenty years ago. He is able to cater to virtually any crowd, his 80s sets have a few pop hits mixed in with the darker, more underground tunes.

Dragon*Con Cabaret

For the Cabaret's fourth year DragonCon decided to put a slightly different spin on the show. Always inspired by the beauty, class, and glamour of Classic Burlesque, we decided to put a slightly different spin on the traditionally vintage-inspired show. So this year, Dragon*Con proudly presents the theme of Superheroes and Villains with a Classic BurlyQ Twist. 'What's This?" You ask…come to the Cabaret and see Old World Hollywood glamourize your favorite Superheroes and Villains.

Stormy Knight, aka Audrey Starphoenix, is an accomplished belly dancer, burlesque performer and instructor, makeup artist, martial artist and budding fire performer. She is well known for her intensity, the attention to detail in her costuming and fiery passion for her crafts. Here's a peek at just a couple of the sparkling gems to grace the stage this year…

Silver Kitsune is as graceful as her name and just as crafty. Taking her moniker from the Japanese word for "fox", this clever vixen was soon lured to the stage by shiny objects, feathers, and crunchy treats. Performing with Big Mamma D's House of Burlesque since early 2010, this Foxy Lady has quickly become a fan favorite in her home town of Charlotte, NC.

Blaze, that Shimmering, Shimmying Red Rose of Texas has rocketed onto the Burlesque scene from her belly dance and award-winning costuming roots. Well known for her intricate and elaborate costuming and energetic high kicks, this Alabaster Beauty packs serious heat and passion into her performances.

Emerald Rose

Emerald Rose (Brian Sullivan, Arthur Hinds, Larry Morris and Clyde Gilbert) formed in late 1996, releasing their first self-titled CD in 1998. Since then, they have released four independently produced CDs: "Bending Tradition" (2000), "Fire in the Head - Emerald Rose Live!" (2002), "Celtic Crescent" (2003), and "Archives of Ages to Come" (2005). Emerald Rose is one of the top Celtic folk-rock bands in the Southeast US. A rich "world fusion" sound with influences ranging from the Chieftains to Jethro Tull has given this band a thirteen year career and national following. The band's original lyrics address everything from Celtic myth to modern science, often with a touch of humor as noted in their latest release "Con Suite" (2007). Blending vocal harmonies, pennywhistle and world percussion with driving guitars and bass, their sound is "rock-n-reel" but not ear-splitting. Emerald Rose music has been included in two soundtracks, 'Ringers' (about Lord of the Rings fans) and 'Done the Impossible', about the Firefly/Serenity series. They were headliners for the Lord of the Rings Oscar parties in Hollywood in 2003 and 2004. The band performs across the USA and has led multiple tours of Ireland. The band frequently performs at Celtic festivals and sci-fiction / fantasy conventions. "Hauntingly beautiful poetic lyrics and the knack for crafting a solid and fluid arrangement. They are tight, close and cohesive as a group, and their latest release represents their roles as musical veterans reaching for the path of musical legends." .

Freezepop

Freezepop has always been something of an oxymoron: embraced by both hipsters and nerds; serious about irony; and retro-futuristic. A synth band in a guitar videogame, singing pop songs about rock. And it all somehow makes sense when you listen to the music.

Formed in Boston in the summer of 1999, Freezepop released two homemade EPs and started a DIY machine that would become one of their trademarks. Their debut album, 2000's Freezepop Forever, was released domestically on their own label, Archenemy, as well as licensed in Europe by the Spanish indiepop label Elefant. Several more EPs followed, and in 2004, Freezepop put out their sophomore album, Fancy Ultra Fresh. After nearly eight years of self-releasing their CDs, they partnered with Rykodisc/Cordless Recordings for their third album, Future Future Future Perfect. Their single Less Talk More Rokk was the iTunes #4 dance/electronic song of 2007, and the band swept the 2008 Boston Phoenix/WFNX Best Music Poll, winning the local categories of Best Band, Best Live Act, and Best Album.

For Freezepop's latest record, Imaginary Friends, the band decided to return to their DIY roots and release the album via their own label, Archenemy, and amicably split ways with Rykodisc/Cordless Recordings. With a whimsical spirit still intact, Imaginary Friends is a more impactful and refined record than fans have heard in the past and finds Freezepop taking the leap from guitar heroes to dance floor legends. The album was released on December 7th, 2010.

Frenchy and the Punk

Euro-American duo Frenchy and the Punk (formerly The Gypsy Nomads) fuse raucous live guitar looping, cheeky ballads sung in English and French, danceable, modernized old-world inspired melodies and thunderous tribal-march-style drum instrumentals. Get transported to a world full of humor, theatricality, whirling dance and bohemian spirit. Come experience their genre-busting non-traditional take on world cabaret served with a twist of vaudeville and a dash of steampunk flavoring rooted in folk, punk and the vineyards of southern France. French-born Brit. lead vocalist and percussionist, Samantha Stephenson and American-born punk veteran guitarist Scott Helland of Czech and Portuguese descent, make up this spirited duo. The two powerhouses don't disappoint as they unleash the raw passion of their love for music, dance, and a roaring good time!

The Ghosts Project

The Ghosts Project are pioneering the underground movement of neoclassical improvised music. Although the sound is based on the sizzling violin and pounding drums of founding members Paul Mercer and Davis Petterson, their live sets have become known for their frequent stage guests from all genres and styles. Opera divas, classical string musicians, jazz trumpeters, hip-hop MCs, and tuvan throat singers have all appeared and combined to form a unique musical experience that has led The Ghosts Project to be invited around the country to appear at the Anne Rice Halloween Ball and Endless Night in New Orleans, where they headlined a show at the House of Blues, to the West Coasts own Edwardian Ball in San Francisco and LA and to Portland for the Conflux Dark Arts festival.

Marc Gunn

Marc Gunn is an acoustic folk musician based in New Orleans and rooted in the American Celtic song tradition and Geeky Comedy. He has been called "The Godfather of Celtic music online" for his steadfast support of indie Celtic music, free Celtic music downloads, and his award-winning Irish and Celtic Music Podcast, one of the most-popular music podcasts on iTunes.

Marc Gunn's early background in folk and rock music led him to discover the roots of both genres in Celtic music. He worked for many years at Renaissance festivals and events across the country as lead vocalist of the Brobdingnagian Bards. Marc Gunn headlined a Lord of the Rings Oscar night party.

Recent work includes parody albums setting cat-inspired lyrics to traditional Irish music, and adaptations of traditional Celtic music to contemporary blues and jazz. He released four albums in 2009 and is already back in the studio with his latest album, Kilted For Her Pleasure, which continues his fun bawdy fusion of Celtic folk music with Geeky Comedy songs.

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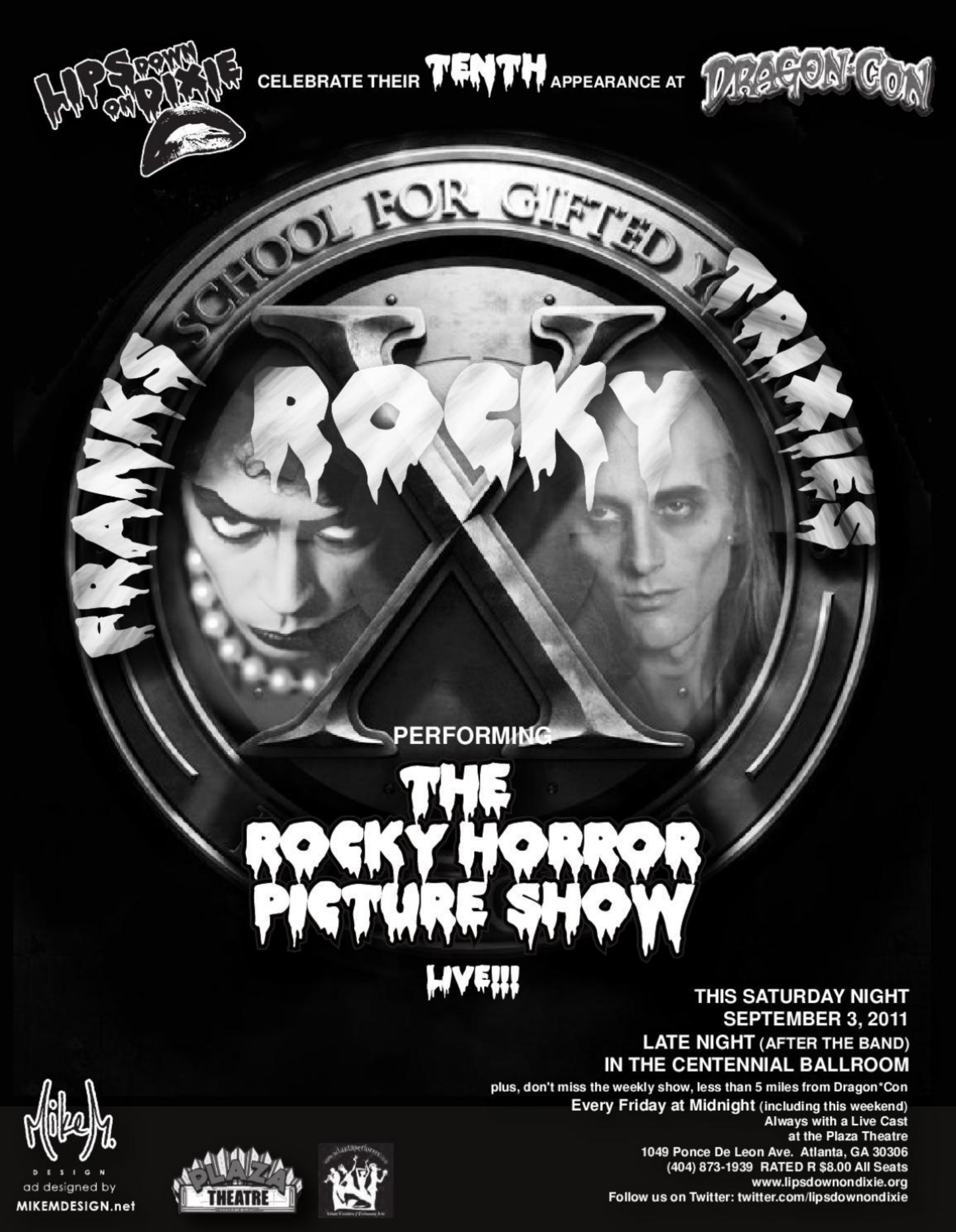
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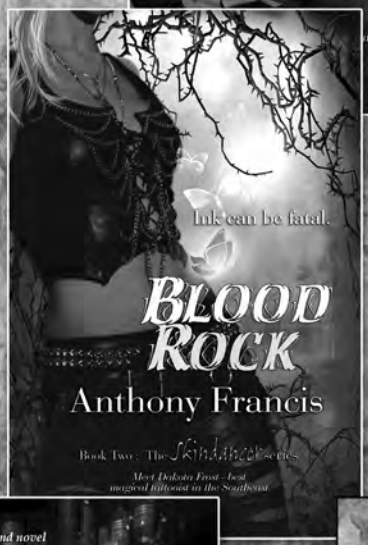

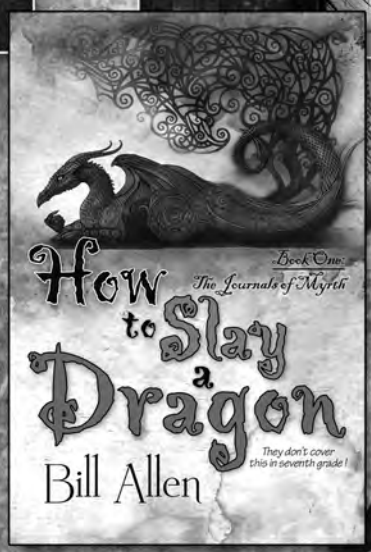

Hellblinki Sextet

The Hellblinki Sextet, broken tooth blues in a Tux, choral fantasies for agnostic angels, peg-leg waltzes on the rim of Mt. Vesuvius, prone to surprise, tension, and dramatic release, Hellblinki mixes elements of American folk, European cabaret, and Punk Rock experimentation into an intoxicating brew of transcendent madness.

Known worldwide for dramatic performances and epic recordings, Hellblinki is psycho-cabaret, southern-fried with guerrilla operatics. The band is currently a three piece orchestra and resides in and around Asheville, NC. Andrew Benjamin, the ringleader of the troupe, sings while playing drums and guitar. In her inimicable guerilla operatic style, Valerie Meiss sings and plays accordion, saw, toy piano, and ukelele, while JonPaul Hess holds it down with his bass guitar, keytar and organ pedals.

Jefferson Starship

Jefferson Starship celebrates its 40th anniversary at Dragon*Con! Jefferson Starship, created by Rock & Roll Hall of Fame inductee and Jefferson Airplane founder Paul Kantner, advances a full slate of 2011 projects and performances, as the pioneering Artist marks 40 years since the release of his first solo album "Blows Against the Empire," also considered the debut of his band. "Blows" was the first ever rock music recording nominated for literary science fiction's prestigious Hugo Award and represented a pinnacle of collaboration for Kantner's "Airplane Camp" and that of Grateful Dead, Quicksilver Messenger Service and Crosby, Stills and Nash, whose members all collaborated on that halcyon recording.

Created especially for Dragon*Con, one of Jefferson Starship's two performances include the debut a science fiction/eletcronica/rock-opera 'mosh' of "Blows Against The Empire" and the Vangelis score for the film "Blade Runner." This unique concert will be accompanied by multi-media projection featuring HD slides of set design from the film. The band will do its classic hits on the adjacent night.

The Julia Dream

The Julia Dream acknowledges the past and embraces the present in their combination of retro and modern styles. The result is a penetrating new sound marked by bass-driven grooves and lush guitar textures. Underscored by captivating vocal melodies, the band produces an atmospheric landscape of words and music. With songs flowing easily from energetic and upbeat, to dark and transient, listeners and critics alike find this dynamic band hard to resist. Band members Vernon Love (lead vocals), Matt Spatial (bass guitar, backing vocals), Peter Decker (drums), and Sacha Alexander (guitar) come together on stage to present a must-see live performance, bringing the band's subtle blend of emotion-filled melodies, ambient guitar layers, and energetic rhythms to life.

The Last Dance

The Last Dance are a modern alternative rock group from Orange County California. The music is a hard hitting blend of basic guitar, bass and drums rock 'n' roll with 80's style new wave, postpunk, darkwave, and electronica. Guitarist Rick Joyce, vocalist Jeff Diehm, and bassist Peter J. Gorritz rely on many years of working together in the stage and studio combined with a wealth of varied musical styles and influences between them to forge a sound that is solid and consistent yet flexible enough to constantly evolve.

The Last Dance have released six full length albums, along with several E.P.s and Limited Edition releases. They have also been featured performers on innumerable compilations released worldwide, including international magazines and Hot Topic exclusives. They have performed exhilarating live shows on stages of all sizes in clubs, halls, and indoor and outdoor festivals throughout North and Latin America and Europe and are expected to be hitting Asia and Australia in the near future.

With a history like this and no signs of slowing down, it's no wonder that The Last Dance have a loyal and devoted following worldwide and are picking up new fans every day. But the best way to get to know The Last Dance is not by reading a bio. Listen to the music. Watch the video. See a show.

Lips Down on Dixie

Lips Down on Dixie, a Rocky Horror Picture Show shadow cast performance group, began in June of 2000. In May of 2002, when a thunderstorm knocked out power for several city blocks, including the Plaza Theatre, instead of canceling the show, the cast just kept on performing, singing and acting out the movie with nothing but high-powered flashlights and even stronger lungs. The performance became affectionately known as "LDOD Unplugged," and its success earned the cast a spot in the Atlanta Constitution's "Peach Buzz" section and stirred interest from other theatre groups.

LDOD has appeared at other venues in town including Starlight Drive-In's yearly "Rock n Roll Monster Bash" performing Rob Zombie's Brick House, Club Future performing I'm a Slave for You and Tongue & Groove for their Lingerie Fashion Show.

Mad Tea Party

Mad Tea Party brews up rock 'n' roll, garage-pop and honky tonk to create a fresh and intoxicating sound. "It's B-52s meets Buddy Holly with a lot more thump." Musical conspirators Ami Worthen and Jason Krekel serve up an exciting live show to music lovers thirsty for upbeat, original refreshment. Delicious harmonies glide over electrified ukulele, juke-joint guitar, scratchy fiddle and pulsing foot percussion. Catchy songs are steeped in raw rockabilly with shreds of doo wop and devilish blues. Drink deep—Mad Tea Party concocts a musical recipe that will make you boogie.

The band's dynamic show has been catching people's attention across the country. Metro Santa Cruz described it this way, "More a spectacle than a traditional two-person band, Mad Tea Party consists of vocalist and ukulele strummer Ami Worthen and guitarist, fiddler and drummer Jason Krekel. As Worthen reels out charming and quirky songs with an arch sense of humor, Krekel does double- and triple-duty, creating the illusion of a much bigger band with only two arms and two legs. It's a sight to behold...but Mad Tea Party's unique sound is just as worthy of note. A bubbly amalgam of juke-joint blues, pop, tiki exotica and rockabilly, the band has honed an approach that is unique and affecting without being too precious."

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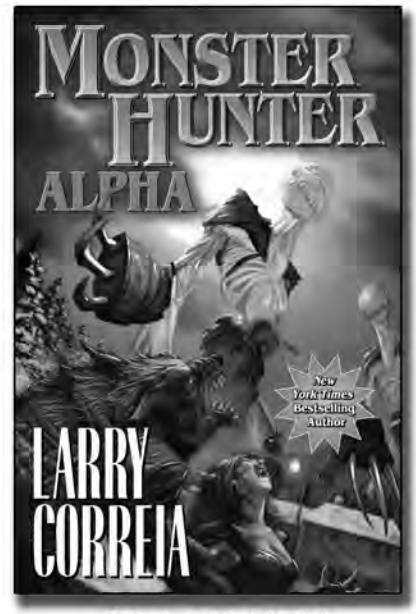

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Pandora Celtica is a five piece vocal quintet offering soulful Celtic harmonies in rich layering. These talented singers pride themselves on their songs of ship wrecks and troubled times found in the mists of Celtic history. With a Renaissance feel, the singers will have you swigging your pints and thinking back into the stormy past of Celtic prehistory! Don't hope for cheery songs from this lot, but if you thrive on mayhem, death and plunder, then they are your crew.

Paul & Storm

Paul and Storm are an Arlington, Virginia-based comedic musical duo consisting of Paul Sabourin and Greg "Storm" DiCostanzo. They had formerly been members of the cappella group Da Vinci's Notebook. They are favorites of Dr. Demento and regular radio guests on the The Bob and Tom Show. Before releasing an official debut album Paul and Storm released a demo EP of songs that would eventually be re-recorded for their debut album: Opening Band, as well as other songs that have yet to be rerecorded. The EP was titled Shame and Cookie Dough.

The title of the album, Opening Band, stems from the lead track off the album, an idea thought up by Storm after their experience as being the opening act. While they mainly perform live as a duo, they had the help of many guest musicians on the album, including Mike Clem and Eddie Hartness of Eddie from Ohio and Valerie Vigoda, Brendon Milburn, and Gene Lewin from Groovelily. They tour regularly with Jonathan Coulton, singing backup vocals for a number of his songs. Coulton has also appeared on stage to do backup for Paul and Storm's songs. Paul and Storm have toured all around the United States as well as in Canada and the United Kingdom. They more often than not tour alongside Jonathan Coulton, usually opening up the shows, and also providing backing vocals for a number of songs in Coulton's set.

The Peculiar Pretzelmen

Fronted by the fearless and occasionally lucid M. Incroyable, The Peculiar Pretzelmen have brought their old timey heavy-heavy good time sound across the US since 2006.

The ethics and musicality of pre-World War II blues and jazz men ignited by the "post-everything" DIY mentality of artists too broke to buy into preconceived notions, and too angry to be convinced this mayhem could possibly fail. The Pretzelmen play with an admirably skewed pop sensibility, throwing various flourishes, flavours, and, by the sound of it, household objects, into their sonic stew, but inevitably cooking up a feast of sumptuous songs that you may sing, dance, shuffle, mumble or flail to at your pleasure.

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– Dr. Curio

Siberia My Sweet

Forging a harmonious blend of opposites, Siberia My Sweet is an Atlanta based group exemplifying the sound of post-punk and new wave. Jonathan Williams at Creative Loafing pegs the band as a "singer/songwriter-ish, electro rock, all-girl trio."

By mixing keyboard ambiance with indie rock guitars, a sound is created that hops the cusp of major and minor, dance and drone. A strong 80s' influence has brought Siberia My Sweet comparisons to bands like Blondie and Missing Persons. They take historic cues from New Order and Tears for Fears, and modern ones from groups like The Organ, CSS and Interpol.

Formed by frontwoman Kelly Andrews in the fall of 2005, Siberia My Sweet saw the addition of Luci Harrell (guitar) in 2006 and Erin Sellers (keys) in 2008. In 2010 Alec Irvin entered the live show, adding acoustic drums to the mix.

"...dark queens of New Wave. [Andrews] has a voice that carries a tune with the likes of Shirley Manson of Garbage and Karen O of the Yeah Yeah Yeahs." -Adam Keen, *BeATLanta*

Tom Smith

There's every other singer out there... and then there's Tom Smith. Tom is not your ordinary comedy musician. With the lyrical complexity of Ashman and Sondheim, the vocal fireworks of Meat Loaf, the comedic timing of Robin Williams, and the dynamic physique of the Skipper from Gilligan's Island, the only thing he won't do is be boring.

The only recording artist to be featured on both NPR's Sound and Spirit and The Dr. Demento Show, and writer of the official chantey for "Talk Like A Pirate Day," Tom has been praised by such diverse folk as Christine Lavin, Larry Niven, Phil Foglio, and Randy (Something Positive) Milholland. He has 16 albums so far, blending comedy, tragedy, science fiction, fantasy, romance, popular culture, politics, religion, and the occasional recipe with virtually every genre of music you can imagine.

Voltaire

Voltaire is often described as a modern day renaissance man. He is a singer/performer, creator of comic books, animation and toys.

As a musician, he is a songwriter whose music can best be described as a collection of murder ballads, tongue-in-cheek exercises in the macabre, with just enough bawdy songs about Star Trek and Star Wars to keep a Con audience rolling in the aisles. Many know him for his song "Brains!" from the Cartoon Network show The Grim Adventures of Billy And Mandy.

Voltaire's live shows, whether solo or with his skeletal orchestra, are highly theatrical -full of stories and games. The theatrical quality of his performances is not surprising; Voltaire has been directing commercials and animating short films for the last twenty years.

Other notable comics and books by Voltaire include Oh My Goth, What is Goth?, Paint it Black-A Guide to Gothic Homemaking and most recently, Deady. The latter includes collaborations with Clive Barker, James O'Barr, Neil Gaiman, Billy Tucci, David Mack and many other luminaries of the spooky comics realm.

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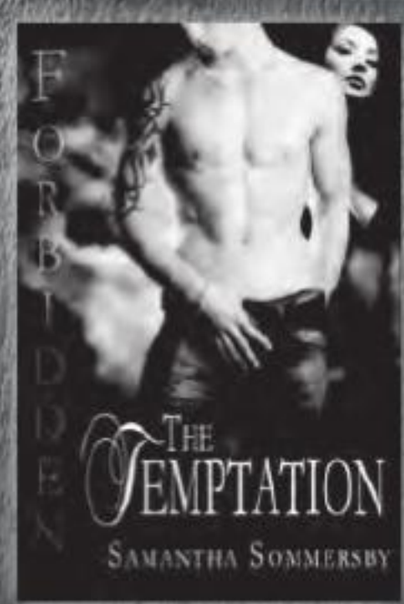

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You'll encounter terrorist puppets, singing zombies, knife-wielding teddy bears, beautiful vampires, grouchy werewolves, magical dungeon masters, and samurai masters. You'll see a man fish for moonlight, a child discover an explorer in her garden, the creepiest of creepy candy store owners corrupt a city, and the worst beating I have ever seen on film. And there will be a bear-horse. There will be films from Germany, Mexico, Italy, The Netherlands, Japan, and France, plus most of the English speaking world.

Both in front of and behind the camera there is a lot of talent involved in making these films, such as: Doug Jones, Seth Green, John Landis, Barry Bostwick, Karen Black, and many more.

The shorts will screen in blocks built around a theme. There will be a block of all horror, two of science fiction, two of animation and one of film noir. You'll be able to find a block of dark fables, gay romantic comedy, and thoughtful drama. Night time will be a mix of zombie films and those that might shock sensitive viewers. We will again bring you a limited number of features, including a documentary on Danger Woman, and a murderous comedy from John Landis.

The shorts will be shown over the four days of Dragon*Con. Most screenings will be in the Hyatt Learning Center. Check your *Pocket Program* for times and other locations.

Awards & Judging

The films are placed into genre categories for judging purposes. An award is given for the best film in each category. For 2011 the genres include: fantasy, science fiction, drama, horror, horror comedy, comedy, thriller, music video, animated comedy, animated fantasy, animated drama, and feature. Our judges will select three finalists from each category, and choose one of those to award 1st prize. We also present two Best of Fest awards, one for live-action short and one for animated short, chosen from the category winners. The wining films will be announced in a ceremony on Monday, September 5th, at 1:00 pm.

The Dragon*Con Independent Short Film Festival selections for 2011 are:

5 MIN EACH

Writer/Director: Vojin Vosovic

A metaphorical look at the artists' struggle for five min of fame.

Animated Comedy, Canada, 10 min.

ABRA CADAVER

Writer: Josh Heisie; Director: Jay McBeth

A failed magician needs a woman for his big trick.

Thriller, Canada, 12 min.

THE ABSENCE

Writer/Director: Alex Demille

A corporate bureaucrat is sent to a devastated town to find a mysterious notebook.

Dark Fantasy, USA, 29 min.

AMBITION OF LOVE

Writer/Director: Christopher Zatta

A noir in five vignettes. Ambition may be the downfall of everyone.

Thriller, USA, 18 min.

ANIMATION'S GRAVEYARD

Writer: Mark Smith; Director: Mark Smith, Emilie Caileux

Lay offs are even worse for animated characters.

Animated Comedy, USA, 4 min.

APOCALYPSE TWINS: FAST ZOMBIES (SORT OF)

Writer: Gregory Boytos; Director: Andrew Lee

Twins thrive in a post-apocalyptic earth wrought with unimaginable danger.

Horror Comedy, USA, 6 min

BAD MOON RISING

Writer/Director: Scott Hamilton

There are some people you just shouldn't torture.

Horror, Australia, 8 min.

BALLS

Writer/Director: Jeremy Smith

Sometimes the gift of gab is better than a gun... And better still with a gun.

Dark Comedy, USA, 7 min.

BEAR FORCE ONE

Writer/Director: Andy Mogren

Bearrorists are after our anti-bear President.

Comedy, USA, 25 min.

BEAR-HORSE

Writer/Director: Steve Stark

It's a rock song, it's a sitcom... it's Bear-Horse.

Animated Comedy, Canada, 4 min.

BEAUTIFUL AS YOU ARE

Director: Doug Mallette

A lonely TV addict finds his co-star.

Science Fiction, USA, 6 min

BEDTIME FOR TIMMY

Writer: Becky Griesheimer; Director: Becky Griesheimer, Thomas Nicol

The story of a little boy and his closet monster.

Animated Fantasy, USA, 3 min.

BETANIA

Writer/Director: Andrea Giomaro

A doctor returns to her rural home where the dead do not rest.

Horror, Italy, 24 min

BLUNDERKIND

Writer/Director: Zak Mechanic

Henry the boy genius loses his friend in time, and twenty years later, must fix things.

Science Fiction, USA, 20 min

CAMPFIRE

Writer/Director: Dan MacKenzie

Building a campfire is harder than it looks.

Animated Comedy, USA, 2 min.

THE CANDY SHOP

Writer: Charlie Wetzel; Director: Brandon McCormick

The new candy shop has a dark recipe for its candy. With Doug Jones.

Dark Fantasy, USA, 30 min

CAUTION: MAY CONTAIN NUTS–DRAGON*CON EDITION

Writers: CMCT; Director: Bruce Pirrie, Dana Andersen

Skits with Zombies, Cyborgs, supervillians, and tabletop RPG's.

Comedy, Canada, 30 min

CERTIFIED

Writer/Director: Luke Asa Guidici

A rural postman is told a horrifying story by a precocious girl.

Horror Comedy, USA, 8 min.

CLEANING HOUSE

Writer: Jaime Byrd, Matthew Montgomery; Director: Jaime Byrd

A pair of ghost-removes are sent to the home of a reclusive toy maker.

Horror Comedy, USA, 14 min.

COCKPIT: THE RULE OF ENGAGEMENT

Writer/Director: Jesse Griffith

In a future war, a captain must decide if a pilot's mind has been controlled.

Science Fiction, USA, 12 min.

A CUP OF TEA

Writer: Kevin Walsh; Director: Barrett Amato

It's the age old story of boy meets girl, boy tries to murder girl over a cup of tea.

Dark Comedy, USA, 11 min

DEAD UNION

Writers: Drew Nielsen, Joe Lewis; Director: Drew Nielsen

A member of a shipwrecked crew is bitten by a strange savage young girl.

Horror, Australia, 6 min.

DEADBEAT

Writer: Brenda Lee Lau, Tad Summers; Director: Brenda Lee Lau

A Chinese/American thriller—a distraught mother, a runaway daughter and a mob dad.

Thriller, USA, 17 min

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THE DECISION

Written by Ninja Sex Party; Director: Jim Turner

One woman must make the ultimate choice: have sex with a ninja, or a super jew.

Music Video, USA, 3 min.

DIRTY SILVERWARE

Writer/Director: Steve Daniels

A man travels into the forest to stop an ancient creature from creating cursed silverware.

Fantasy, USA, 16 min.

DISABLED BUT ABLE TO ROCK!

Director: Blake Myers

A character study of Danger Woman, the songbird of Justice.

Feature, USA, 80 min.

DJINN

Writer/Director: Matt Dallmann

A troubled woman's wishes tempt her therapist.

Fantasy, USA, 5 min.

DREAM GIVER

Writer/Director: Tyler Carter

A mistake in dream-delivery sends a young boy into a dangerous book world.

Animated Fantasy, USA, 6 min.

THE DUNGEON MASTER

Writer/Director: Rider Strong, Shiloh Strong

Shane tries to recapture his 'geeky' D&D youth, but forgets to respect the DM.

EARLY BIRDS

Writer/Director: Paul Cheung

Sometimes you don't have to imagine things in the clouds.

Science Fiction, UK, 2 min.

EARTHSHIP

Writer/Director: David Wilson

In a grim future, a young man wants to leave the family compound.

Science Fiction, USA, 18 min.

EASIER WAYS TO MAKE A LIVING

Writer: David Lobatto; Director: Adam Randall

A troubled private detective must save a kidnap victim and himself.

Thriller, United Kingdom, 27 min.

ENTER THE DARK

Writer/Director: Todd Miro

Something is haunting Charles and his family.

Horror, USA, 18 min.

FLOWER

Writer/Director: Razig Brown

Not everything at a college party is what you expect, nor is everyone you meet.

Horror, USA, 2 min.

FOLLOWED

Writers: Mark Stokes, Maureen Cooke, Will McIntosh; Director: James Kicklighter

Based on a Hugo-winning story of zombies as society's oppressed.

Fantasy, USA, 20 min

FROWNING

Writer: Dustin Jacobs; Director: Molly Coffee

A happy claymation clown finds out you just can't please everyone.

Animated Comedy, USA, 4 min

F*CK ME, RAY BRADBURY

Writer: Rachel Bloom; Director: Paul Briganti

A sexy, comical, musical tribute to Ray Bradbury.

Music Video, USA, 3 min

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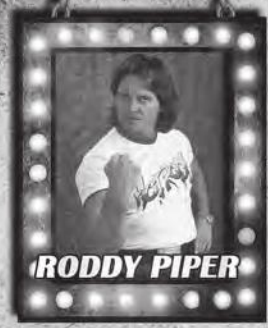
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THE FURRED MAN

Writer/Director: Paul Willams

A man in a wolf costume tries to explain all those corpses…

Horror, UK, 15 min.

FURRY CHUCK

Writer/Director: Jacob Jester

A lifelong furry costumer fights back at a furry-unfriendly convention.

Comedy, USA, 16 min.

G33K & G4M3R GIRL'S

Writers: Team Unicorn; Director: David Yarovesky

An anthem for gamer girls and geeks of all sorts. With Seth Green & Stan Lee.

Music Video, USA, 4 min.

GET OFF MY PORCH

Writer/Director: Patrick Rea

A man's day is disrupted by two very pushy and creepy Girl Scouts selling cookies.

Horror Comedy, USA, 12 min.

GHOSTS PERV

Writers: Brett E. Hollis, Tyson Persall; Director: Tyson Persall

Jennifer is haunted by the most inappropriate ghost ever.

Horror Comedy, USA, 9 min.

GILDED AGE GLADIATOR

Writer: Brad Lambert; Directors: Brad Lambert, Rob Benica

The details of boxer John L. Sullivan's rise to America's first sports celebrity.

Animated Drama, USA, 12 min.

I JUST WANT TO (DANCE)

Writer: Ninja Sex Party; Director: Jim Turner

Danny realizes that his passion for dancing is getting in the way of his ninja lifestyle.

Music Video, USA, 3 min.

IF WE WERE GAY

Writer: Ninja Sex Party; Director: Jim Turner

The band members think about how awesome the world would be if they were gay.

Music Video, USA, 3 min.

INCUBATOR

Writer/Director: Jimmy Weber

You've heard the urban legend of waking up in a bathtub full of ice… this is worse.

Horror, USA, 6 min.

INSOMNIAC

Writer/Director: Tarek Sursock

Mysterious events may sleep deprived hallucinations, or maybe not.

Horror, USA, 15 min.

INVASION FROM PLANET SCHRUMP

Writer/Director: Nadine Keil

A young girl interprets her mother's strange behavior as a sign that she is an alien.

Drama, Germany, 29 min.

JAMES VS REALITY

Writers: Chris R Wilson, Tim Feeney; Director: Chris R Wilson

An institutionalized man with delusions of super powers must save the world.

Science Fiction, USA, 23 min

JUNK PALACE

Writer/Director: Lyon Hill

The lives of two of the world's most infamous hoarders is explored… with puppets.

Animated Drama, USA, 15 min.

THE LADY PARANORMA

Writer/Director: Vincent Marcone

An unusual lady hears ghostly whispers. Narrated by pop icon Peter Murphy.

Animated Fantasy, Canada, 6 min

LAMAZE OF THE DEAD

Writers: Whitney Baltz, Carolyn Burns; Director: M. Shawn Lewallen

The Day of the Dead happens to be the same day as Lamaze class.

Horror, USA, 8 min.

LAST SEEN ON DOLORES STREET

Writer/Director: Devi Snively

A heartbroken woman says good bye to an old pet and hello to a new nightmare.

Horror Comedy, USA, 4 min.

THE LONE WARRIOR

Writers: David Spence, Stephen Griffin; Director: by Stephen Griffin

A samurai epic with a magic sword.

Drama, USA, 17 min

LOOP-DA-LOOP AND GIUSEPPE

Writer: Noel Robichaux; Director: Jason R. Jaworski

A Victorian era transvestite escapes his pimp with the help of a Brooklyn Police Captain.

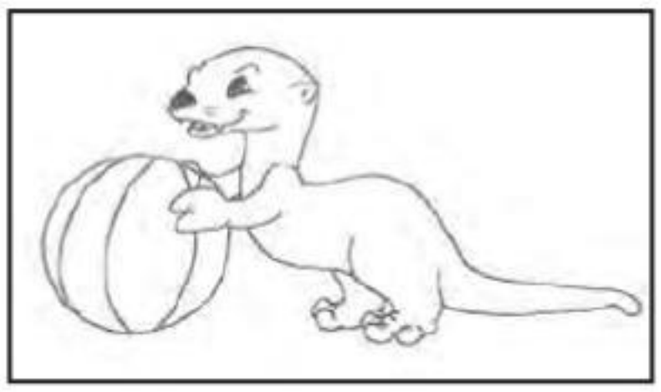
Comedy, USA, 16 min.

LOST AND FOUND

Writers: Lost and Found Productions; Director: Lee Crowe

A collection of stories tied together by a mysterious strongbox.

Animated Comedy, USA, 7 min.



THE LOST EXPLORER

Writer: Kit Hesketh Harvey; Director: Tim Walker

A young girl discovers an African explorer in the garden.

Drama, UK, 20 min

MAGIC KISA

Writer/Director: Mathieu Saliva

Twins meet after years of separation and pull an ill-conceived switch.

Thriller, France, 30 min.

MAKING FRIENDS

Writer: Gary Raisor; Director: Marvin Suarez

A young boy makes new playmates in the most sinister way imaginable.

Horror, USA, 12 min.

THE MAN WHO MOVED MANHATTAN

Writer/Director: Rob Ludacer

Did you know that in 1824, Manhattan island was towed into the harbor?

Animated Comedy, USA, 11 min.

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MASKS

Director: Patrick Smith

Masked giants make a meal out of the wrong tiny people.

Animated Fantasy, USA, 8 min.

THE MILLINEUM BUG

Writer/Director: Kenneth Cran

Never camp around mutant hillbillies and giant bugs.

Feature, USA, 88 min.

MILO

Writer/Director: Corienne Gibeault, Patrick Lafrance

A grieving young girl hears the bark of her deceased dog.

Animated Drama, Canada, 3 min.

MOON FISHING

Writers: David Michael Friend, Stuart Cudlitz; Director: David Michael Friend

A fisherman performs his monthly task of catching moonlight to illuminate the town.

Animated Fantasy, USA, 12 min.

MY GOOD FORTUNE

Writer/Director: David Marshall Silverman

A tough guy lover of Chinese food investigates a fortune cookie writers strike.

Fantasy, USA, 14 min.

MY MOM AND OTHER MONSTERS

Writer/Director: Kate Tsang

A young boy tries to escape his overbearing mother with the help of 2 imaginary friends.

Fantasy, USA, 9 min.

NASTY STUFF (COSAS FEAS)

Writer/Director: Isaac Ezban

A story of the sexual discovery, bizarre immigrants, and scorpions.

Science Fiction, Mexico, 29 min.

NIGHT OF THE LIVING SPUDS

Writer/Director: Timothy Alan Richardson

An astronomer and his assistant must stop a hoard of zombie potatoes.

Animation, USA, 10 min.

THE NINJEWS: 'GOY-L' TROUBLE

Writer/Director: Josh Bass

A team of Jewish ninja superheroes are threatened when one begins dating a Catholic.

Animated Comedy, USA, 13 min.

ODOKURO

Director Aurelio Voltaire

A skeleton comes to life in a room full of cursed objects in this Gothic sci-fi tale.

Animated Surrealism, USA, 6 min

OLIVER'S TREASURE

Writer/Director: Chuck Grieb

Sir Oliver stumbles discovers the old monarch's crown.

Animated Comedy, USA, 2 min.

ONCE UPON A TIME IN 1972

Writer/Director: Chris Lukeman

A transistorpunk-science fiction-action-adventure-period piece, with a robot.

14 min

PASSENGERS OF 7D

Writer/Director: Sharifa Williams

A divorced man living in a "phased apartment" finds ghostly woman in his home.

Science Fiction, USA, 29 min.

PLAYING FOR KEEPS

Writer/Director: Dylan Hayes

Three lessons on gambling, traps, and risk taking, told with a samurai sword.

Animated Fantasy, USA, 9 min.

PLUSH

Writers: Jason Witter, Ryan Denmark; Director: Ryan Denmark

Vincent, the cuddly teddybear, may not be be so cuddly after all.

Horror Comedy, USA, 11 min.

PROM KING

Writer/Director: Taylor Cohan

Why is everyone being so nice to a high school self-conscious nerd?

Dark Comedy, USA, 8 min.

RANTDOG'S TOP TEN ZOMBIES - EVER!

Writers: Dave Clark, Norm Fassbender; Director: Norm Fassbender

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Animated Comedy, USA, 8 min.

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BIGAMORTIS: A ZOMBIE LOVE STORY

Writers: David Dewes, Jenny Stolte; Directors: David Dewes, Ted Campbell

A singing and dancing zombie apocalypse.

Horror/Comedy, USA, 37 min.

SAVASANA

Writer/Director: Gerry Curtis

A fierce and beautiful woman moves from Singapore to expand the family business.

Horror, USA, 17 min.

SHADOW PUPPETS

Writer/Director: Sam Carter

Stan Gable isn't a bigot. He doesn't hate anybody except puppets... terrorist puppets!

Comedy, USA, 16 min.

SOME GUY WHO KILLS PEOPLE

Writer: Ryan Levin; Director: Jack Perez

Ken is just some guy, recently out of the asylum, in a town with a lot of murders.

Feature, USA, 97 min.

SPACE: THE BUNNY FRONTIER

Writer/Director: Jerry Fuchs

Exploring space is a dangerous occupation... especially if you are a bunny.

Animated Comedy, USA, 1 min.

SPOILED ROTTEN

Writer: Kelli D. Meyer; Director: J. Alan Peeples

A mother will keep her preschool-aged zombie child, no matter the cost.

Horror, USA, 16 min.

STAR WARS: BLASTED BEHAVIOR

Writers: Alexander Galant, Carmen Gillespie; Director: Alexander Galant

The Star Wars gang is brought together for their greatest challenge... group therapy.

Comedy, Canada, 9 min.

SUDDEN DEATH

Writer/Director: Adam Hall

Los Angeles is in the midst of an outbreak of a fatal singing and dancing disease.

Comedy, USA, 19 min.

SUFFER

Writers: Aaron An, Kimani Ray Smith; Director: Kimani Ray Smith

To save a beautiful stranger, Logan risks his life in Hell's Kitchen.

Thriller, Canada, 8 min.

TEPAN DEAD

Writer/Director: Hillary Lavin

A Japanese Chef in the US gets his chance to be a samurai when the zombies rise.

Horror Comedy, USA, 7 min.

THIJS AND THE LADIES

Writers: Joris van den Berg, Yfke van Berckelaer, Chris Kok; Director: Joris van den Berg

Thijs's fumbling adventures with women.

Comedy, Netherlands, 6 min.

TIME'S UP, EVE

Writers: Patrick Rea, Jon Niccum; Director: Patrick Rea

In the 1940's, Eve flees shadowy figures in the bleak metropolis.

Dark Fantasy, USA, 13 min.

TRIPLETS (MITSUGO)

Writer/Director: Tomoya Sato

Identical triplet sisters meet at the hospital and communicate in a mysterious way.

Drama, Japan, 20 min

YOU SHOULD MEET MY SON

Writer/Director: Keith Hartman

A conservative Southern mom sets out to find her gay son the perfect husband.

Feature, USA, 86 min

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Ranger 3, piloted by Captain William "Buck" Rogers, launches. He will not return for 500 years. (*Buck Rogers in the 25th Century*)

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1988

Tokyo is destroyed in an apparent nuclear explosion that starts WWIII. (*Akira*)

Donnie Darko learns that the world will end in 28 days, 6 hours, 42 minutes, and 12 seconds. (*Donnie Darko*)

1989

The dead body of Laura Palmer is discovered in Twin Peaks, Washington. (*Twin Peaks*)

Kevin Flynn becomes trapped in The Grid by Clu. (*Tron*)

1990

The Human Genome Project, an international effort to determine the sequence of human DNA, is formed. (*Heroes*)

1991

Ceasar leads a revolt of apes, conquering the Earth. (*Conquest of the Planet of the Apes*)

1992

HAL 9000 becomes operational. (*2001: A Space Odyssey*)

Dana Scully teams up with Fox Mulder on their first X-File. (*The X-Files*)

The Eugenics Wars—a global conflict in which progeny of a human genetics engineering project, most notably Khan Noonien Singh, attempt world domination—begin. (*Star Trek*)

1993

TV meteorologist Phil Connors is forced to relive this day for, presumably, years. (*Groundhog Day*)

1994

Stargate is moved to the Cheyenne Mountain Complex. (*Stargate*)

1995

Sam Beckett makes his first (of many) uncontrolled quantum leaps. (*Quantum Leap*)

*Sam Beckett (aka Scott Backula) during a jump to Dragon*Con 2010, sitting beside Al (aka Dean Stockwell)*

1996

James Cole experiences, and witnesses, his own death in an attempt to save the world. (*12 Monkeys*)

David Levinson and Captain Steven Hiller upload a virus to an alien mother ship, securing the safety of humanity. (*Independence Day*)

The Eugenics Wars end. (*Star Trek*)

1997

Snake Pissken enters New York City to save the president. (*Escape from New York*)

Skynet becomes self-aware. (*Terminator*)

The Jupiter 2 launces. (*Lost in Space*)

Sources:
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1998

The first T-virus outbreak occurs at the Arklay Research Facility, a secret Umbrella Corporation lab, just outside of Raccoon City. (*Resident Evil*)

1999

Breakaway Day (September 13). (*Space 1999*)

John Sullivan takes advantage of unusual aurora borealis activity to talk to his father via ham radio, 30 years in the past. (*Frequency*)

2000

The three-day, coast-to-coast Annual Transcontinental Road Race celebrates its 20th anniversary. (*Death Race 2000*)

2001

HAL malfunctions and kills four astronauts. (*2001: A Space Odyssey*)

Dragon*Con hosts its first parade down Peachtree Street in Atlanta, Georgia.

2003

Abe and Aarone use a time machine to make money on the stock market. (*Primer*)

The murder of high school student, Lilly Kane, shakes the seaside town of Neptune, California. (*Veronica Mars*)

2004

Oceanic Airlines flight 815 departs from Kingsford Smith International Airport in Sydney, Australia and goes missing eight hours after takeoff. (*Lost*)

2005

Medical Researcher Tommy seeks a cure for the brain tumor killing his wife, Izzy. (*The Fountain*)

2008

After his capture and conviction of hundreds of murders, Jason Voorhees is sentenced to death. (*Jason X*)

2009

The last child in the world is born. (*Children of Men*)

Terrorists detonate an EMP weapon, destroying most computers and communications. (*Dark Angel*)

2010

The year we make contact. (*2010*)

Silence fell. (*Doctor Who*)

Dragon*Con returns to its roots, adding the Meliá Hotel as an official overflow hotel.

2011

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Present day +20 minutes: Edison Carter inadvertently gives birth to Max Headroom. (*Max Headroom*)

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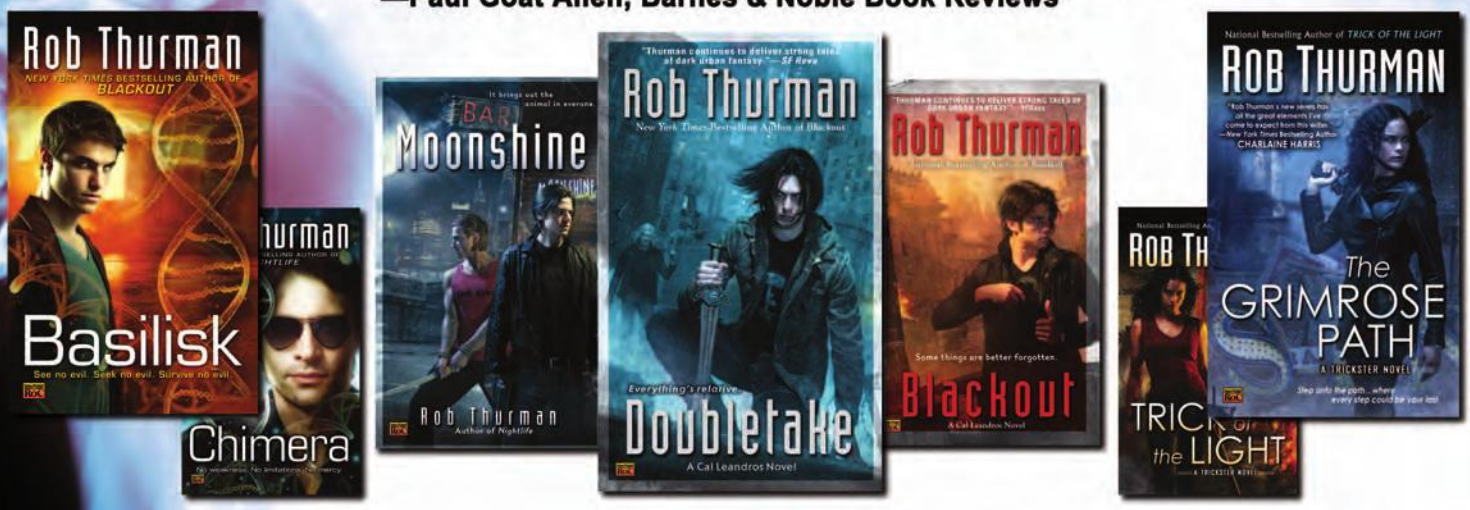

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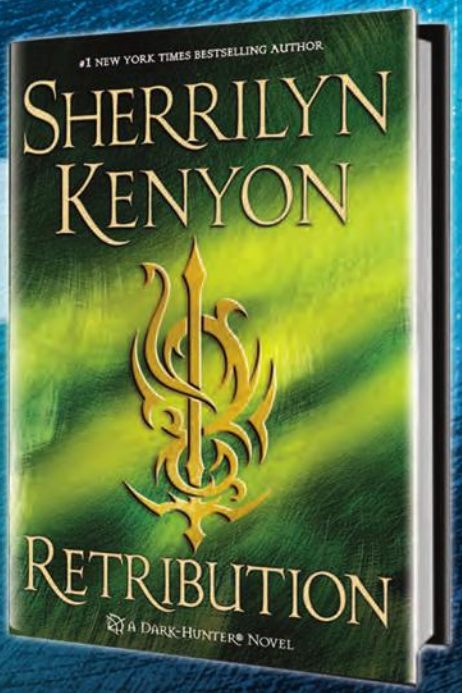

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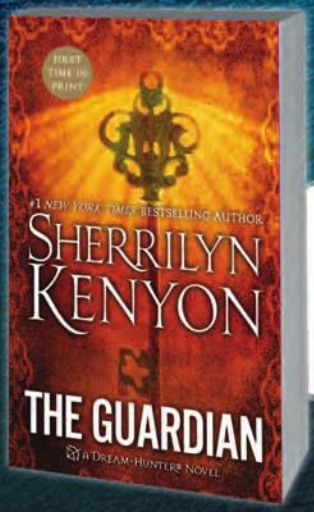

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